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Camp Kittiwake Dates Listed

The schedule to date for 1955-56 at Camp Kittiwake, Mississippi Baptists' newly-acquired assembly at Pass Christian, has been released by W. R. Roberts, assembly manager.

Although other events may be scheduled later, the schedule below is complete to date:
October 31-November 1 — Schools of Missions Conference.

February 20-22 — State Religious Education Association Meeting.

April 30-May 4 — State Pastors' Assembly and Missionaries' Institute.

May 6-12 — Schools of Missions Conference.

May 27-June 2 — Royal Ambassador Camp—Junior.

June 3-9 — Royal Ambassador Camp—Junior.

June 10-16 — Royal Ambassador Camp — Intermediate.

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Pryor To Manage Baptist Hospital

Effective September 15, Paul J. Pryor of the Arkansas Baptist Hospital in Little Rock will assume the duties as new administrator for the Mississippi Baptist hospital. He replaces W. Wilson Turner who has resigned to accept the position of associate administrator for the Memorial hospital of Houston, Texas.

This announcement came from D. C. Simmons, president of the Mississippi Baptist hospital board of trustees.

Mr. Pryor, a native of Texas, has held the position of assistant administrator for the Arkansas Baptist hospital for the past five years. During that time he was closely associated with the hospital administrator in handling the intern and school of nursing programs, planning and building a new hospital addition and building and operating a Medical Arts building.

He has been active in the Arkansas Hospital association, serving as secretary and in the positions of secretary, vice-president and president of the Little Rock hospital council. Mr. Pryor was also active in Baptist associational work in Arkansas, representing the hospital over the state.



Shown above is the Holy Stairs in Rome. The people climb the center stairs on their knees and walk down. Against the two pillars of the stairs are the two groups in marble representing Judas kissing Christ and Pilate showing Jesus to the people.

100 Churches Leading In Mission Gifts For First Nine Months

Listed below are the 100 churches leading in mission giving for the first nine-month period. The first column shows Cooperative Program contributions. The second column shows total mission gifts, which include Cooperative Program and designated contributions:

Cooperative Program		Total Mission Gifts	
1. Jackson, Calvary	\$37,227.50	1. Jackson, First	\$64,836.19
2. Jackson, First	36,083.28	2. Jackson, Calvary	45,584.33
3. Columbus, First	25,470.09	3. Columbus, First	38,134.59
4. Gulfport, First	21,099.07	4. Meridian, First	29,855.82
5. Meridian, First	15,678.66	5. Gulfport, First	26,475.48
6. Picayune, First	16,380.36	6. Picayune, First	21,417.57
7. Brookhaven, First	16,307.80	7. McComb, First	20,978.39
8. McComb, First	15,502.66	8. Laurel, First	20,776.20
9. Grenada, First	14,376.28	9. Jackson, Parkway	19,698.00
10. Tupelo, Calvary	14,147.59	10. Tupelo, Calvary	19,692.22
11. Vicksburg, First	14,059.80	11. Brookhaven, First	19,242.87
12. Meridian, 15th Ave.	12,955.90	12. Hattiesburg, Main St.	16,972.99
13. Jackson, Northside	12,402.28	13. Jackson, Northside	16,448.84
14. Jackson, Parkway	11,622.15	14. Vicksburg, First	16,377.19
15. Kosciusko, First	11,500.00	15. Hattiesburg, First	16,361.33
16. Pascagoula, First	11,377.95	16. Pascagoula, First	16,287.14
17. Columbia, First	10,976.48	17. Grenada, First	16,281.24
18. Yazoo City, First	10,974.01	18. Meridian, 15th Ave.	16,265.47
19. Hattiesburg, Main St.	10,806.31	19. West Point, First	15,013.19
20. Crystal Springs, First	10,707.31	20. Kosciusko, First	14,410.15
21. Laurel, First	10,297.70	21. Columbia, First	14,299.72
22. Jackson, Daniel Mem.	10,050.00	22. Yazoo City, First	14,173.05
23. Hattiesburg, First	9,732.85	23. Belzoni, First	13,643.70
24. New Albany, First	9,604.11	24. Clinton	13,504.93
25. Philadelphia, First	9,080.43	25. Canton, First	12,541.54
26. Canton, First	9,006.12	26. Crystal Springs, First	12,127.66
27. West Point, First	9,000.00	27. New Albany, First	11,910.57
28. Greenwood, First	8,706.46	28. Jackson, Daniel Mem.	11,667.39
29. McComb, East	7,748.02	29. Greenwood, First	11,567.38
30. Tupelo, Harrisburg	7,665.14	30. Tylerstown	11,175.34
31. Greenville, First	7,625.00	31. Philadelphia, First	9,918.06
32. Jackson, Alta Woods	7,494.00	32. Leland, First	9,820.31
33. Tylerstown	7,119.25	33. Greenville, First	9,548.95
34. Clinton	6,265.28	34. Pontotoc, First	9,310.73
35. Quitman, First	6,775.00	35. Natchez, First	9,033.10
36. Pontotoc, First	6,493.16	36. Clarksdale	8,639.38
37. Meridian, First	6,438.49	37. McComb, East	8,549.92
38. Meridian, Poplar Spgs. Dr.	6,161.66	38. Jackson, Alta Woods	8,517.77
39. Calhoun City, First	6,131.23	39. Tupelo, Harrisburg	8,400.58
40. Biloxi, First	6,081.87	40. Biloxi, First	8,375.88
41. Leland, First	5,990.31	41. Meridian, Poplar Spgs. Dr.	8,343.09
42. Hazlehurst, First	5,954.80	42. Hattiesburg, Temple	8,213.11
43. Hattiesburg, Temple	5,650.00	43. Calhoun City, First	8,139.90
44. Holly Springs, First	5,563.62	44. Quitman, First	7,850.61
45. Cleveland, First	5,333.44	45. Hazlehurst, First	7,611.66
46. Clarksdale	5,101.68	46. Meridian, Southside	7,484.19
47. Natchez, First	5,096.70	47. Louisville, First	7,341.91
48. Belzoni, First	4,929.83	48. Batesville, First	7,085.71
49. Durant, First	4,635.81	49. Prentiss	7,000.55
50. Batesville, First	4,571.26	50. Cleveland, First	6,928.44
51. Wiggins	4,391.10	51. Holly Springs, First	6,714.65
52. Meridian, 41st Ave.	4,383.61	52. Charleston, First	6,708.06
53. Moss Point, First	4,350.00	53. Starkville, First	6,620.82
54. Tupelo, First	4,263.05	54. Moss Point, First	6,324.14
55. Charleston, First	4,104.04	55. Durant, First	5,992.83
56. Oxford, First	4,049.23	56. Eupora, First	5,851.22
57. Winona, First	4,032.06	57. Winona, First	5,839.10
58. Prentiss	3,868.90	58. Oxford, First	5,725.19
59. Indianola, First	3,790.04	59. Carthage	5,550.39
60. Jackson, Crestwood	3,774.42	60. Blue Mt., Lowrey Mem.	5,467.02
61. Carthage	3,738.13	61. Aberdeen, First	5,449.83
62. Aberdeen, First	3,730.23	62. Forest	5,205.59
63. Jackson, Broadmoor	3,715.00	63. Tupelo, First	5,200.75
64. Liberty	3,635.74	64. Meridian, 41st Ave.	5,169.34

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State Calendar Is Full For Fall

\$316,592 Needed To Reach Goal

Mississippi Baptist Cooperative Program receipts through August were \$1,193,407.46, leaving \$316,592.54 to be given in September and October to reach our objective of \$1,510,000.00 this Convention year, according to Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer.

Dividing \$316,592.54 in two means that an average of \$158,296.27 must be given each of the two months.

Receipts thus far this year, through August showed an increase of \$122,261.68 over the same period a year ago, or a percentage gain of 11.41%.

Receipts for August this year were \$115,505.09, as against \$89,462.76 in August of last year.

While rejoicing over the gain thus far this year, through August, the state calendar (Continued on Page 2)

Mississippi Baptists have a full schedule of events and activities this Fall, a quick glance at the denominational calendar will reveal.

The kick-off meeting will be held next week when the State Convention Board holds its annual business meeting at the Baptist Building in Jackson on Monday and Tuesday.

The 75 members will meet for the purpose of transacting certain business delegated by the Convention and will also make recommendations to be presented to the convention in November.

The 75 associations will hold their annual meetings during September and October.

Sept. 19-22 will be the date of the annual W. M. U. State Mission Week of Prayer and special offering for the purpose.

The annual W. M. U. officers clinic at Camp Garaywa will be held Oct. 4-7.

Annual Layman's Day will be observed in the churches Sunday, Oct. 9. Camp Kittiwake will become the property of the (Continued on Page 2)

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP AT NEW RECORD OF 97,482,611

NEW YORK—(RNS)—Church membership in the United States climbed to a record 97,482,611 in 1954, a gain of 2,639,766 over the previous year. A total of 60.3 per cent of Americans — or slightly better than six out of every ten persons — are now members of religious bodies. Percentage-wise the church membership gain was 2.8 over 1953 as compared with a U. S. population gain in the same period of 1.7 per cent.

Furthermore, Americans are donating money for religious purposes as never before, there are more churches than ever, with new construction breaking all previous records, churches are staffed by the greatest number of ministers in history, and Sunday school membership is at an all-time high.

The statistics are from the Yearbook of American Churches for 1956, scheduled for publication on Sept. 15.

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, yearbook editor, said the figures show that "people are interested in religion to an unprecedented degree in modern times."

"The awesome destructive power of atomic energy may have something to do with it," he said. "But beyond ascribing membership increases to such known factors, as unusually high birthrates, accelerated evangelism on the part of the churches and shifting population trends from city to suburbs, it is difficult to point to causes."

According to the yearbook, Protestants now number 57,124,142; Roman Catholics, 32,403,332; Jews, 5,500,000; Eastern Orthodox, 2,024,318; Old Catholics and Polish National Catholics, 367,918; and Buddhists, 63,000.

The relative strength of Protestant and Catholic groups has remained "virtually the same" (Continued on Page 2)

State Calendar

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Mississippi Baptist Convention on Oct. 15.

State Mission Day in the Sunday School will be held Sunday, Oct. 23.

Mississippi College, Clinton, will be host to the State B. S. U. Convention Oct. 28-30.

Stewardship Revival will be observed by most churches Oct. 30-Nov. 6.

Oct. 31-Nov. 1 will be the occasion of the first meeting at Camp Kittiwake when a School of Missions conference will be held, sponsored by the Rural Church Work Department.

Going into November we find the State Brotherhood Rally set for the 14th at the First Church, Jackson.

On the same date the State Convention holding its annual meeting in Jackson's historic First Church.

Sunday, Nov. 20 will be the day for the annual observance of Orphanage Day in the churches and Sunday Schools with an accompanying offering for the Institution.

The annual State Music Festival will be held at Jackson's First Church on Nov. 25.

Nov. 29-Dec. 2 will be the date of the W. M. U. Week of Prayer for foreign missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas offering.

Dec. 5 will find two points of emphasis. The State Convention Board will hold its annual post-convention meeting at the Baptist Building in Jackson while "M" Night will be held in most associations.

Dec. 25 will be the occasion of the annual Student Night at Christmas program in the churches.

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\$316,592 Needed . . .

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August, Dr. Quarles was quick to point to the tremendous task of giving \$316,592.54 during September and October to reach our goal.

The first \$1,300,000 this Convention year goes to the operating Budget with the remaining \$210,000 to go to our institutions for building needs.

The \$210,000.00 will be divided as follows, according to percentages adopted by the Convention:

Mississippi College, Clarke College, Blue Mountain College, William Carey College and the Baptist Hospital, Jackson, \$40,000 each, with the remaining \$10,000 to go to the Baptist



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100 Churches . . .

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65. Louisville, First	3,572.05	63. Liberty	5,000.50
66. Newton, First	3,403.00	64. Union, First	4,999.60
67. Lucedale, First	3,388.22	65. Jackson, Broadmoor	4,935.14
68. Eupora, First	3,370.34	66. Newton, First	4,902.14
69. Clarksdale, Oakhurst	3,311.27	67. Wiggins	4,849.10
70. Amory	3,257.57	68. Corinth, First	4,838.90
71. Rita Bena, First	3,190.33	69. Indianola, First	4,789.04
72. Drew, First	3,181.43	70. Natchez, Immanuel	4,666.47
73. Sardis	3,171.99	71. Jackson, Ridgecrest	4,494.72
74. Biloxi, Trinity	3,145.35	72. Lucedale	4,454.61
75. Starkville, First	3,084.76	73. Jackson, Van Winkle	4,416.19
76. Monticello	3,014.90	74. Amory, First	4,238.31
77. Jackson, Ridgecrest	3,014.06	75. Jackson, Crestwood	4,274.84
78. McComb, South	2,950.90	76. Rita Bena, First	4,212.33
79. McComb, Central	2,928.88	77. McComb, Central	4,180.33
80. McComb, South	2,928.88	78. McComb, Central	4,180.33
81. McComb, South	2,928.88	79. McComb, Central	4,180.33
82. Greenwood, Calvary	2,893.87	80. McComb, Central	4,180.33
83. Jackson, Van Winkle	2,843.62	81. McComb, Central	4,180.33
84. Meridian, Highland	2,827.47	82. McComb, Central	4,180.33
85. Laurel, West	2,827.47	83. McComb, Central	4,180.33
86. Greenville, Second	2,758.58	84. McComb, Central	4,180.33
87. Collins, First	2,700.00	85. McComb, Central	4,180.33
88. Blue Mt. Lowrey Mem.	2,673.09	86. McComb, Central	4,180.33
89. Corinth, First	2,619.53	87. McComb, Central	4,180.33
90. West Point, Calvary	2,611.59	88. McComb, Central	4,180.33
91. Mendenhall	2,585.00	89. McComb, Central	4,180.33
92. Bunker Hill (Marion)	2,578.42	90. McComb, Central	4,180.33
93. Webb	2,527.53	91. McComb, Central	4,180.33
94. Hollandale, First	2,500.00	92. McComb, Central	4,180.33
95. Salem (Covington)	2,491.06	93. McComb, Central	4,180.33
96. Booneville, First	2,475.00	94. McComb, Central	4,180.33
97. Petal Harvey	2,400.00	95. McComb, Central	4,180.33
98. Ruleville, First	2,370.00	96. McComb, Central	4,180.33
99. Lexington, First	2,332.25	97. McComb, Central	4,180.33
100. Friendship (Pike)	2,328.88	98. McComb, Central	4,180.33

N. C. Laymen Change Church Practices; Challenge Others

By M. W. CHAPMAN

Laymen will witness for Christ. This I know as an eye witness.

Franklin is located in the heart of the Nantahala Mountains in North Carolina. The First Church is composed of mountain people with the usual customs, traditions, and conservatism characteristic of mountain areas.

Many of the usual, normal and practical programs used by other Baptist churches had been tried by us in an attempt to energize the church. Though we tried hard to keep the church on the march for Christ the church was lacking in the power of soul-winning.

Recently the Brotherhood put into action a program that has completely changed the life of our church.

On October 10, 1954, Donald Adcox and Garry Hartheock, fine Christian laymen and businessmen of Hendersonville, North Carolina, came to help our Brotherhood with a Layman's Revival. A simple but effective program was put into action for four days. At 7 o'clock each morning the men of our church met with the visiting laymen. During the day the men prayed for the lost, visited their homes, and testified for Christ. Nightly the church family came together for worship. Laymen made up the choir, rendered special music, read the Scriptures, gave personal testimonies, and presided over the services.

The results were most gratifying. The pastor sat with the congregation and served laymen

Memorial Hospital, Memphis.

Dr. Quarles pointed out that our institutions badly need these capital needs funds and he urges our churches to be generous in their Cooperative Program gifts in September and October.

in action. Lost souls were won for Christ! Men obsessed with the habit of drinking alcoholic beverages made decisions for Christ! The pastor had tried for more than four years to win some of these new converts but failed. The services were simple demonstrations of the Holy Spirit working through the lives of witnessing laymen.

The next Sunday night the pastor baptized husbands, wives, fathers, daughters, brothers—a total of 25 persons. At the morning service two weeks later the pastor invited the congregation to join him and the members of the Brotherhood in a program of soul-winning. Thirty-eight adults responded immediately. By the following Sunday the soul-club had grown to forty-seven. We organized into teams of two and these teams go out regularly witnessing for Christ.

The spirit of revival has penetrated the entire life of our Church. The Brotherhood made plans for 39 cottage prayer meetings prior to the beginning of our Revival. Four nights be-

Camp Kittiwake . . .

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June 17-23—Royal Ambassador Camp — Junior.

June 24-30 — Royal Ambassador Camp — Junior.

July 1-7 — State Training Union Assembly.

July 8-14 — State Training Union Assembly.

July 15-21 — Boys' Camp — Junior.

July 22-28 — Boys' Camp — Intermediate and Young People.

July 27-29 — State Brotherhood and RA Assembly.

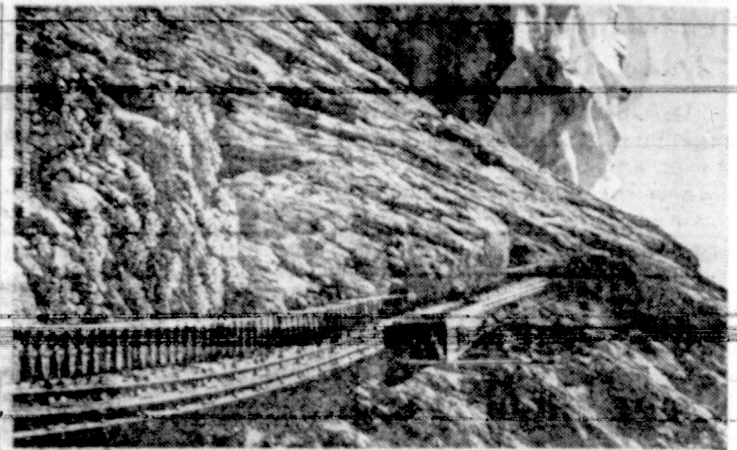
July 30-August 4 — State School of Church Music.

August 5-10 — State School of Church Music.

August 11-18 — State School of Church Music.

August 19-25 — State Baptist Student Union Retreat.

August 27-31 — State Sunday School Assembly.



Shown above is one of the many examples of a train hugging the side of a mountain in Switzerland.

fore the visiting preacher arrived the laymen of our church were in charge of the services. They gave their testimonies and invited the lost to make decisions for Christ. During the remaining days of the campaign the laymen visited the unsaved in our community.

What are the people saying about this newly discovered power? One layman has said: "Before the Layman's Revival I thought it was the pastor's responsibility to do the work in our church. Since the Revival I have discovered that God has also called me to witness daily for Him."

Still another says, "My Christian life has been strengthened in this new experience of witnessing for Christ." An elderly woman of our church said, "Since our men have become witnesses for Christ our church has a new spirit, a new interest, and a new power. The men are doing a marvelous work."

There is a potential power among the men that, if harnessed, can give new life to our churches. The Brotherhood is the organization through which the Holy Spirit can bring to our churches a new spirit, life, and power. If challenged and given the opportunity, Laymen will

Church . . .

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for more than 50 years, the yearbook said.

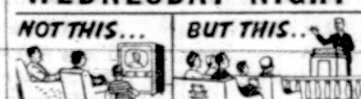
In 1940 Protestants made up 28.7 per cent of the population, Catholics, 16.1. Last year Protestant churches had 35.3 of the population and Catholic churches 20 per cent.

Although the yearbook includes figures from 254 religious bodies, the division in American Christianity is not as wide as the number indicates. According to the tabulations, 98.4 per cent of all church members are concentrated in 81 groups. There are 18 bodies with more than 1,000,000 members.

About 85 per cent of Protestants are included within nine general denominational families. Baptists, divided among 26 bodies, number 18,448,621. Methodists in 21 denominations are second, with 11,680,002.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT



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Grenada Pastor Speaks 'Mind' On NAACP

Dr. John W. Landrum, pastor of the First Church, Grenada, which is in an adjoining county to that where the death of a Negro boy has caused nation-wide publicity and much unfavorable comment concerning Mississippi, takes vigorous exception to the statement issued by Ray Winkins, NAACP's executive secretary in which he asserted "there is no restraining influence of decency, not in the state capital, among the daily newspapers, THE CLERGY, nor any segment of the so-called better citizens" of Mississippi.

Dr. Landrum stated, "the vicious charges by the executive secretary of NAACP, an organization purported to be for the advancement of an entire race, show to what ends the warped malignancy of hatred will lead a person who generalizes on one tragic situation and saddles venomous vituperations on more than 2,000,000 people—the citizens of an entire state. "Since all clergy in the state are included in Winkins' statement, my conscience demands it be refuted. God has made no one man the judge and jury of the taking of human life, be it in the 'backwoods' of Mississippi or by hoodlums in a midnight mugging in the 'jungles' of Harlem. Due processes of law and justice will be forthcoming in Mississippi.

"The last vestige of decency has definitely been breached in the untrue charges that 'there is no restraining influence of decency' even among the 'clergy nor any segment of the so-called better citizens' of Mississippi. It might be called to the attention of the NAACP spokesman that since he is so interested in full justice he might read Revelation 21:3 to find who, along with 'murderers' will 'have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone.' "If this statement is a sample of the 'decency' which exists in the organization Winkins heads, then I am happy that none of it remains in Mississippi."

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For Your Budget

Within the next few weeks many churches will be working on their budgets for the coming church year. May we suggest an item that should be in every budget? We refer to an item for the expense of the pastor's car. Most business houses either furnish their employees with a car that is used for business purposes or else they allow an expense account or a mileage agreement for the use of the employee's own car.

Many churches are now doing the same thing, but they are in the minority. May we suggest that every church in considering their coming budget, put in an item for the pastor's car expense.

Remember that when he is visiting sick people, attending funerals, and doing the other various visiting required in today's church organization, he is doing it for the church and not for himself.

It is simply fair that this item be put in the budget.

Another advantage is that when the pastor knows that he is not having to foot the bill himself, he will do more of it.

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Kentucky Church Sends "Thanks" For Loan

We want to commend the recent action of the Eaton Memorial Church in Owensboro, Kentucky, and also express the wish that many other churches would do likewise. Recently the Memorial Church which received a \$2,500 building loan over 30 years ago, returned this sum to the Home Mission Board along with a "thank you", note for the loan's benefits.

The Church Loan Department officials noted the fine spirit of the Eaton Memorial Church in returning the loan sum. Churches are not obligated to return these loan payments.

A letter from the church clerk, F. B. Waite, said, in part, "We are indeed grateful to your board for this kindness. It has been an instrument in the building of a great church for the Lord."

Rev. H. W. Shafer is pastor of the church.

Eaton Memorial has opened the way for other churches to do likewise, and thus increase the Board's Church Extension Loan Fund. We hope they will do likewise.

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Claim Is Denied

Most churches in America do not seek public money, but a different philosophy that attracts some is seen in the experience of the War Claims Commission. This was established by Congress in 1948 to care for war damages suffered by religious organizations

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with headquarters in this country.

A claim presented to the Commission by the Archbishop of Manila was rejected because

- (1) the Catholic Church in the Philippines was not responsive to ("affiliated with") any authority in this country.
- (2) no missionaries had been sent from any religious organization in this country to serve the Catholic Church in the Philippines, and
- (3) no money had gone from any religious organization in this country to the Roman Catholic Church in the Philippines.

To reverse this decision a bill was introduced into Congress in 1953 to make any religious organization in the Philippines an affiliate of any religious organization of the same denomination in the United States. This bill was defeated.

Nevertheless, as late as March 28, 1955, the Commission had to rule, for the third time, against this claim, reduced from \$30,000,000 to \$6,000,000, and with Bishop Sheen as witness attempting to show that his organization qualified the claimant. The Commission's adverse decision was unanimous.

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Our Readers Write

"THE NIGHT OF THE HUNTER"

There is a movie about to be turned loose upon the American public which according to the reviews presents a protestant preacher as a lunatic and murderer. It is a reflection against the ministry in general and evangelism in particular which the Roman Catholics would never tolerate against one of their priests. It is "The Night of the Hunter." The star is the very famous Robert Mitchum arrested and jailed some years ago for marijuana addic-

tion. He usually plays the parts of criminals. The movie is being independently produced by Charles Laughton and Paul Gregory under the auspices of United Artists.

A review in the Saturday Review of August 13 says among other things "The Night of the Hunter" is a nightmarish exercise in pity and terror that every now and then emerges from its melodramatic mould and goes in for some searching explorations of wayward behavior.

The story concerns a backwoods itinerant preacher who kills to get the money to carry on his revivalist work, two small children who are hiding the money in obedience to their lost father's instructions and their mother who thinks she will be doing her best for herself and the children by marrying a preacher. The review says, "The garish plot has just about all it needs for a splendid series of chills." According to the review there is one scene in which the murdered widow is seen sitting in a car at the bottom of a river, her hair streaming in the current. The evangelist himself "on his right hand was tattooed the word LOVE and on the fingers of his left hand bore the word HATE. The hands fought each other, the fingers entwining. When he preached about lust and sin the right hand was the winner but as he wound his way along back dusty roads it was the left hand that dominated."

I know that you, along with me, are sick and tired of seeing on television and on movie screens Roman Catholic priests emulated and protestant preachers deprecated, all in the name of art.

—A Reader.

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Dear Dr. Goodrich:

To churches in need of an interim pastor or pulpit supply, I would like to recommend the Rev. R. D. Pearson, pastor emeritus of the First Church, Macon.

His Post Office Box is 148, Macon, Mississippi and his telephone number is 230.

Ivor L. Clark, pastor
First Baptist Church, Macon

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Tupelo Ordains Wm. C. Day



Rev. W. C. Day

On Wednesday evening, August 23, in Calvary Church, Tupelo, William C. Day, a student at the New Orleans Seminary, was ordained to the gospel ministry. His father, pastor W. L. Day, preached the ordination sermon. Deacons F. O. Carlisle, Chairman of the Board; Halsey Worley, Vice Chairman; and Mitchell Whitten, Clark, assisted the pastor in the direction of the service.

Mr. Day graduated from Mississippi Southern College, Hattiesburg.

Horn Lake Church Adds 10 Members

Rev. D. M. Renick, pastor of the Labelle Church, Memphis, was the evangelist at the recent revival at Horn Lake.

There were 10 additions, three by letter and three rededications.

The church recently dedicated its parsonage debt-free.

Rev. D. M. Renick, Memphis, was the evangelist.

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The Zion Associational Training Union Mass. Meeting will be held at the Double Springs Church on Monday night, September 12, beginning at 7:30. Mrs. Ernest Barton of Derma will be the featured speaker.

Rev. W. C. Day, a student at the New Orleans Seminary, was ordained to the gospel ministry. His father, pastor W. L. Day, preached the ordination sermon. Deacons F. O. Carlisle, Chairman of the Board; Halsey Worley, Vice Chairman; and Mitchell Whitten, Clark, assisted the pastor in the direction of the service.

Mr. Day has applied for a position with the U. S. Air Force as chaplain.

Now On Channel 12



Rev. Claude M. Sailhamer

Rev. Claude M. Sailhamer, former chaplain at the Le Tourneau plant in Vicksburg, is now conducting a program over Channel 12, Jackson, each Sunday afternoon at 3:30.

—BR—

Dr. Chester Quarles In Water Valley Revival Meeting

Dr. Chester L. Quarles, executive secretary-treasurer, was the evangelist for the revival at First Church, Water Valley, Aug. 22-28.

Rev. W. C. Howard, pastor, declared the meeting to be one of the best in years.

Dr. Quarles showed colored slides taken during his recent trip abroad after the services each evening.

First, Walls Holds Revival

First Church, Walls, held its summer revival recently. Rev. H. B. Roane, Bruce, was the evangelist.

There were ten decisions, six on profession of faith, four additions by letter. The Vacation Bible School was held the same week, with an enrollment of 52.

During the past twelve months under the leadership of Pastor H. H. Inman the membership has increased from 36 to 61. A new church building is now under construction.

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Dockery Adds 17

There were 17 additions to the Dockery Church in its annual fall revival. Eleven of the new members came on profession of faith and six by of letter.

Rev. Gordon Shamburger, pastor of Friendship Church near McComb, was the visiting preacher, and Rev. Jerry W. Robinson, Jr. is the pastor.

—BR—

The First Southern Baptist Church, Colorado Springs, Colorado, was organized three years and seven months ago with thirteen members. During that time 1,383 members have been received, and during the eleven months of the present associational year, 461 members — 181 for baptism — have been received.

Pascagoula Church Licenses Preacher

Shown here is Billy Kelton Duncan, who was licensed on August 24 to the gospel ministry by the Calvary Church, Pascagoula.

Son of the chairman of deacons, Billy had already made reservations to enter Citadel at Charleston, S. C. (having secured all military equipment and clothes required) when he answered the call to preach.

He plans to enter Mississippi College this fall and will be available for pulpit supply or for pastoral work.

Billy is the 13th person from Calvary Church who has surrendered to preach in nine years, besides three missionaries who have gone out from the church.

Rev. M. S. Varnado is the pastor.

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An old Negro preacher said to his audience: "Some folks think they hurt the church when they get mad and quit, but they are wrong about that. It never hurts the tree for the dried-up apples to fall off!"

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(Editor's Note: The National Temperance and Prohibition Council has released the article below showing that 3,998 daily and weekly newspapers in the United States refuse liquor ads and 2,381 of these also refuse wine and beer advertising.)

We have just completed a survey of the daily newspapers of the United States to find the number that accept no advertisements of alcoholic beverages. Also, those that are partially dry—papers that accept no liquor advertisements but do accept wine or beer advertisements, or both.

The source of our information on this issue is the latest publication of the Newspaper Section of Standard Rate and Data Service, which lists all the daily newspapers of the United States. There are quite a number of the dailies from which this Service apparently was unable to obtain information as to their policy on this issue.

Totally Dry Dailies 190

Partially Dry 342

We find the number of totally dry dailies in the United States to be 190. The number partially dry, 242. This makes a total of 432 dry on liquor only.

The following 10 states have no completely dry dailies: Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The following only one completely dry daily: Connecticut, Louisiana, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, West Virginia.

States with the largest number of dry dailies: Pennsylvania heads the list with 24; Texas comes next with 19; New York follows with 17; Illinois, with 14; Iowa and Kansas, 13 each; North Carolina, 12.

Weekly Dry and Partially Dry Papers

We include in this Release the totals of the dry and partially dry weeklies obtained from this 1955 directory.

Totally dry weeklies 2,121. In addition to those totally dry, 1,445 are dry on liquor but accept beer ads and some accept wine ads. Number dry on liquor only, 3,566.

The purpose of this Release is two-fold. To let our temperance friends and the public know that there are not a few, but many, editors and publishers of newspapers who will have no part with the Liquor Industry in promoting the sale and use of a product which is debauching and destroying human life, breaking down public morals, and wrecking the home life of our beloved country, by advertising their product.

Also to urge all the friends of sobriety and decency to commend these editors and publishers for the stand they have taken on this issue, many of them

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State Winners in Primary Story Time

SIX YEAR OLDS

Name	Church	Association
Cassie Wilson	Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian	Lauderdale
Kay Keith	Houlka	Chickasaw
Charles Smith	First Greenwood	Leflore
Nancy Gay Combs	Jackson, First	Hinds
Brenda Wheeler	Sandersville	Jones
Nelda Van Robinson	Polkville, Beulah	Smith
Olivia Collier	Leland, First	Washington
Craig Lewis Jones	Sardis	Panola
Diane Johns	Concord	Choctaw

SEVEN YEAR OLDS

Brock Hattox	Ecu	Pontotoc
Dickie Lynn McKnight	East Fork	Mississippi
Sylvia Williams	Ora	Covington
Hilda Kay Shields	Calvary, Batesville	Panola
Patricia Ann Bullock	Polkville, Beulah	Smith
Charlotte Bryant	East Louisville	Winston
Rosanne Temple	Poplar Springs Dr., Meridian	Lauderdale

EIGHT YEAR OLDS

Paul Broome	Batesville, First	Panola
Diane Stroud	ML Olive	Covington
Bobby Walker	Greenwood, First	Leflore
Mary Grace Nabers	Booneville, First	Prentiss
Deon Mayfield	Taylorville	Smith
Wayne Catlett	Meridian, First	Lauderdale
Brenda Cordle	West Point, First	Clay
Betty Barnes	Main Street, Hattiesburg	Lebanon
Nancy Johnson	Coldwater	Neshoba
Beckie Kent	Leland, First	Washington
Betsy Reno	Hazlehurst	Copiah

State Winners Named In The Adult Mission Story Feature

Name	Church	Association
Mrs. Joe McClelland	Van Winkle	Hinds
Mrs. H. W. Crockett	Linn	Sunflower
Mrs. Lola Alexander	Calvary	Batesville
Mrs. M. M. Gordon	Black Jack	Yazoo
Miss Jimmie Williams	Taylorville	Smith
Mrs. J. W. Grantham	Heidelberg	Jasper
Mr. Jim Nipper	First, Gulfport	Gulf Coast
Mrs. Ann Gatewood	Dublin	Jeff Davis
Mrs. Connie Allen	Mt. Zion	Lincoln

DR. LAMBIDIN HONORED

Dr. J. E. Lambdin, secretary of the Training Union Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, is honored on his 30th anniversary with the Board in the September issue of the Baptist Training Union Magazine.

The issue is a special testi-

monial edition in his honor, with a full-color portrait of him and an eight-page insert complete with photo highlights of his life and tributes from many friends and associates.

Dr. Lambdin pioneered in the development of the Training Union program. He joined the staff of the Board in 1925 as associate to L. P. Leavell, the B.Y.P.U. secretary at that time. He became secretary and editor of the department in 1929 when Dr. Leavell died, and has continued in that post since.

Dr. and Mrs. Lambdin are scheduled for a Central Training School at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson during the third week in September. This school has been promoted and planned by Mr. Earl Clark, Associational Training Union Director of Hinds County.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

September 4, 1955

Corinth, Tate Street	235	91
Calvary (Alcorn)	117	79
Greenwood, North	344	97
Clarksdale	449	143
Ruleville	286	171
Petal-Harvey	390	173
Main School	333	149
Harvey	33	

Richton Road	24	24
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Lucedale	389	167
Laurel, Highland	217	123
Ripley, First	308	101
Bay St. Louis, First	137	30
Bethlehem (Jones)	184	180
Union, First	328	147
Newton, First	453	217
Purvis, First	291	84
Columbia, First	744	295
Main School	664	230
South Columbia		
Mission	80	65

Hattiesburg, 38th Ave.	178	195
Aberdeen, First	356	91
Laurel, First	573	178
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	560	145
Wayside (Yalobusha)	53	49
Jackson, Southside	281	146
Hattiesburg, Main St.	900	409
Mission	13	
Concord (Choctaw)	99	85

Morton (Scott)	266	116
Hernando	184	80
McComb, Locust St.	119	60
Horn Lake	177	109
Longview (Oktibbeha)	112	74
Kosciusko, First	769	291
Main School	734	
Maple Mission	35	
Gulfport, First	856	263
Grenada, First	725	204
Crystal Springs, First	672	212
Jackson, Alta Woods	460	196
New Albany, First	722	197
Main	654	159
Northside Mission	68	38
Beulah (Brownsville)	97	69
Picayune, First	644	169

Pascagoula, First	740	304
Main	601	205
McArthur Chapel	53	47
Orange Grove		
Chapel	86	52

Byram	237	161
Jackson, Hillcrest	204	101
Jackson, Daniel Mem.	688	320
Jackson, West	334	132
Springfield (Scott)	125	83
Briar Hill (Rankin)	85	55
Richland (Rankin)	221	74
Jackson, Calvary	1331	380
Jackson, Parkway	951	473
Jackson, Ridgecrest	308	123
Jackson, Broadmoor	424	176
Jackson, North Side	554	153

August 28, 1955

Brookhaven		
Pearlhaven	144	77
Edwards	78	40
Wheeler Grove		
(Alcorn)	160	190
Pascagoula, First	787	333
Main	654	220
McArthur Chapel	65	61
Orange Grove		
Chapel	68	52
Purvis, First	290	74
Durant, First	381	147

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Dry Newspapers . . .

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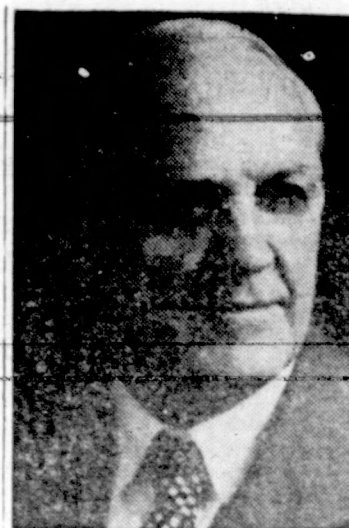
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A WEDDING INVITATION by Mildred B. Henry is a short Gospel tract based on the portion of Scripture found in Matthew 22:8-13 concerning God's invitation to a marriage in Heaven when Christ and His bride are united.



Dr. R. G. Lee

Dr. R. G. Lee, pastor of the Bellevue Church, Memphis, will lead a revival meeting at the First Church, Quitman September 12-16. Reid Moore, Director of Music at First Church, Jackson, will be in charge of the music. In order to accommodate the large crowds expected for the evening services a large tent has been secured according to an announcement by Rev. W. L. Meadows, pastor of the church.

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STRUGGLE FOR SURVIVAL

Lesson texts: Nehemiah 1; 2; 3; 4; 6; 12:27-31, 38, 43

INTRODUCTION

For some months now we have been following the sad story of the decline and fall of the proud and wealthy kingdom of David and Solomon. We have seen how the ruin of the kingdom was caused by sin, "nothing else but." And the sin that ruined the kingdom was not the sin of Israel's neighbors but the sin of the Israelites themselves. Thus always of the ruin of a man or of a nation of men.

No nation in the history of the world, no man since the first one walked with God through the consecrated groves of Eden, was ever ruined by outside sin. The ruin which overtook the chosen people of God was a ruin which came as the fruit of sin, their own sin, sin which they welcomed and embraced.

We have seen them overrun by their enemies who were instruments in the hands of God for the discipline of his people. Large companies of them were deported from their native land across hundreds of miles of desert to the fertile lands along the course of the Euphrates River. There they ate the crusts of poverty and drank the bitter dregs of sorrow, learning in poverty and affliction that "A crown of sorrow is remembering happier days."

Purged at last from their desire to follow heathen gods, a company of them were allowed to return to their native land. They found that land waste and desolate, barren and inhospitable. But they went about with characteristic zeal and energy to reconstruct it and materially, they were succeeding. But there was little, if any, national or

spiritual progress, and this condition was not pleasing to God or the servants of God.

I. THE CHARACTER AND EXTENT OF THE NEEDED WORK OF RECONSTRUCTION

The task that lay in the path of the servants of God demanded united action. A leader, indeed, was necessary, but following the plan and purpose of that leader there must be the united effort of a band of dedicated people. Thus of every great work of any kind in the world. Even home is not made of any one person, and the same thing is true of any institution one might mention. It takes the team work of every member to play any kind of a game successfully. No church can be built by the unaided labors of any one devoted man or woman, and yet we need also to realize the tremendous value of leadership.

II. GOD'S BIG MAN FOR THIS CRISIS

"There was a man sent from God whose name was John." Thus begins the story of the kingdom of our Christ. And so, the beginning of every story.

Ask who built St. Peter's Cathedral, and hear the answer, "Michael Angelo built that Cathedral," though thousands of other lives contributed to the final result.

Ask who built St. Paul's of London and the answer is, "Sir Christopher Wren built that Cathedral," though the labors of thousands of other men contributed to the final result.

Who established American religious freedom on the American Continent? "There was a man sent from God named Roger Williams."

Now here was a city in ruins. The walls of Jerusalem were broken down and the gates were burned by fire. The needed laborers were at hand to repair the wall and rebuild the gates, but a leader was lacking. "There was a man sent from God whose name was Nehemiah." He was cup-bearer to the king. Someone came from Jerusalem and told him of the sad state of the city and the account so wrought upon him that he could not contain his sadness. He seems to have been a man of fine character and of a deep and fervent love for God. This love, of course, extended to God's people and the city wherein God had said that he would write his name.

His king noticed the sadness of the countenance of Nehemiah and demanded to know the cause of his sadness. Nehemiah at once told him, and the king, because of his love and admiration of Nehemiah, gave him permission to go to Jerusalem. Not only that, but furnished him with the means for his long journey and the military escort to see him safely through it. The story of Nehemiah tells of his inspection of the broken walls by night and his desire

and determination to repair them for a thrilling story. When he had learned the extent of the work to be done he assembled the leaders of the people and not only described their situation to them but exhorted them to a great effort to rebuild.

III. A LABORER THAT BEGOT RELIGION

1. The people had a mind to work. This may not seem to be a very striking statement but it is one of tremendous importance. If you would demand an illustration I suggest that you look at the condition of the community farms in Russia. It is told of them that production is shrinking, which is also true in their factories. That is said to be because they do not have a mind to work.

The simple matter of work makes the difference between the people who are and the people who are not worthwhile in the estimation of man and God. After all is said, there is a great deal of truth in the old monastic motto, "Work is worship."

2. Encountering opposition. Court the religious heroes of all the years and you will not find one who did not come up through great tribulation. Such a creature as a great Christian who has not suffered greatly in the process of his Christian growth is not. This was true in the case of Nehemiah's great work; he met opposition of the fiercest character. I think we may truly say that this opposition was the whetstone upon which God sharpened the wits of Nehemiah.

The common joy produced by common achievement. You may see it in the case of a family which sacrifices to obtain a home. The members rejoice in it as an accomplishment upon the production of which they had the blessing of God. There is here in our delightful little city a small company of people who are engaged in the big task of building a church. The building, indeed, seems now to be an accomplishment, and an accomplishment of which every member is justly proud.

IV. A FELLOWSHIP AND REJOICING

Every man in Jerusalem and every woman felt a common joy in the accomplishment of the rebuilt walls and gates of their city. Everyone felt as though he or she had played a worthy part in the great task under God. This is true of every community whose men and women love its institution. I have found it true among the students of a great college. It is not only true, but altogether right, that the humblest member of every institution should speak with pride of our home, our church, and should say with Walter Scott, "This is my home, my native land."

CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES

By Rev. LEON V. YOUNG

Called and Accepted:

Keith La Gesse, Lee Lee, Pattonville, Missouri.

S. C. Williamson, resigned after 40 years from Copeland Church, Joplin, Missouri.

Bill Sewell, First, Norphlet, Arkansas, from Associational Missionary, Ashley Co., Ark.

Warren H. Terry, Shields Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Okla., from First, Moore, Oklahoma.

Dumas Thomas, Connersville, Oklahoma.

Lee I. Darce, Center Point, Oklahoma, from Butler, Okla.

Harold Neal, Narcissa, Okla.

Kenneth L. Hansen, from pastor of Karns Grove Church, Philpot, Ky., to Assistant pastor, First Church, Orlando, Florida.

Phil Padgett, from interim pastor of Stanton Memorial Church, Miami, Florida, to pastor, First Church, Eustis, Florida.

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Bethel Church

Holds Revival

Bethel Church in Rankin County held revival services recently in which there were 50 rededications and one profession of faith.

Rev. L. N. Howard, Pulaski, was the evangelist, and R. D. Moon of Concord led the singing.

Rev. Curtis Magee is the pastor.

Charleston, First Ordains Meek

Shown here is Rev. Jon F. Meek, pastor of the West

Friendship Church of Tallahatchie County who was ordained to the full gospel ministry by the First Church of Charleston.

Rev. Upton Reynolds, pastor of the Corinth church delivered the charge to the candidate, Rev. D. O. Horne, associational missionary for Tallahatchie Baptists delivered the charge to the church; Rev. Landrum P. Leavell of Charleston delivered the sermon, and Rev. Joe Nanney of Sumner prayed the ordination prayer.

In addition to these preachers, Dr. J. S. Riser, Jr. of Webb and Rev. Eddie Freathy of Spring Hill were present on the ordaining council. Deacons from many of the churches of the county were also present.

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Miss Willa Dean Feathers

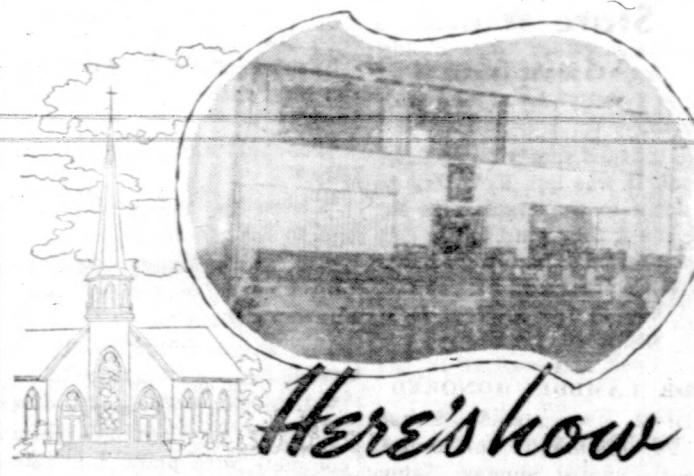
ton of Oxford, Miss., has accepted a position as assistant editor in the Church Recreation Service of the Baptist S. S. Board. She is a graduate of Blue Mountain College, and has an M.R.E. degree from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary.

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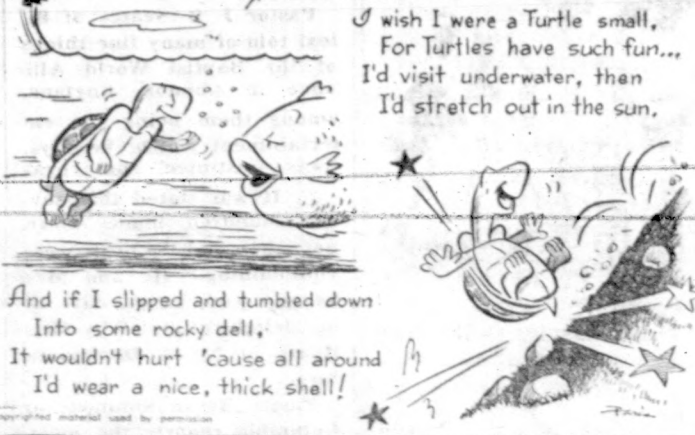
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By GEORGINA AND HOWARD PARIS



And if I slipped and tumbled down
Into some rocky dell,
It wouldn't hurt 'cause all around
I'd wear a nice, thick shell!

I wish I were a Turtle small,
For Turtles have such fun...
I'd visit underwater, then
I'd stretch out in the sun.

TOM LEARNS TO SMILE

By ELLEN BROWN

"I don't like Tom much," said Ben. "He's always frowning. He doesn't smile."

"You like him, but you don't like his ways," Ed said. "I wish he wasn't such an old sour puss too."

Tom's face turned as red as a tomato. They hadn't known he was hiding behind the chinaberry tree. Why should I smile? thought Tom. Ben and Ed didn't have any troubles. Why shouldn't they be cheerful and happy all the time? Every time he saw Ben he was laughing and having fun. Ed was always cheerful too. But they didn't have a sick Daddy like he did.

Every day he went home and worked and worked. I don't have any fun anymore since Daddy got sick, thought Tom. Why should I smile? he argued with himself.

He trudged sourly home from school. It was hot. He'd like to go down to the creek with Ed and Ben if they went today. But he couldn't. He had to go home and work. He'd feed his rabbits. He'd hoe in the garden. He'd work and work. He opened the front door and walked in his house.

"Hello, Tom!" said Mother happily. She rushed to him and gave him a big squeeze. "How is my big man today and how was school?"

"Aw, all right, I guess," Tom said sourly.

"Come, come," said Mother. "Give me a great big smile!"

Tom tried to smile. He almost did. But then he thought of all his chores. The smile was more like a frown than a smile.

"Tom!" he heard his Dad calling. He rushed to the back bedroom.

"Hi, Dad," Tom said. His mouth wavered in a crinkle that was more like a frown.

"I think Tom needs an outing, Mother. Why don't you run along and play this afternoon?" Dad said.

Tom almost smiled. "I'll go see Ed," he said. He hurried to

change into his play clothes. He picked up his kitty and went to find Ed and Ben. They were laughing and talking and having fun. They looked so cheerful — but then, why shouldn't they? They had everything they wanted.

His little kitty meowed in his arms. He ran to meet Ed and Ben.

"Oh, let me hold the kitty! Let me see him!" Ed said. He put the soft fuzzy ball against his cheek. "Oh, how I wish I had a kitty like that!" said Ed. "But I can't have a kitty. You're lucky, Tom, to have such a nice kitty. Grandpa has asthma. We can't have a kitty. The kitty's fur makes him sick."

"I have rabbits too!" Tom said. "I have a garden!"

"You're lucky!" Ed said. "We can play with your kitty in my yard."

"Poor Ed," thought Tom — "no kitty."

"Listen to him grrr," Tom said to Ed and Ben.

"He grrr's loud," said Ben. "But I must be running home. I have my chores to do."

Tom was surprised. He hadn't lived here long enough to know these things, he supposed. Ben had chores too. Ed couldn't have a kitty. But they were always cheerful. They didn't get to do everything they wanted either. But they smiled. What was it the Bible said about being cheerful? Oh, yes, he remembered. "A cheerful heart is a good medicine," and it was in Proverbs.

"Proverbs 17:22," Tom said aloud.

"Why that verse?" Ben and Ed both said at once, for they knew what it said. Tom could see they were surprised. "You remind me of it," Tom said. And he smiled so far his smile was like a bright yellow banana in the middle of his face. It reached almost to his ears.

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NEW NEIGHBOR

By Lois Snelling

A brand new boy has moved To the house across the street; I'm sure we'd be good friends, If we could only meet. And so I think I'll say As friendly as can be, "I'd like to have you go To Sunday school with me." (Baptist Press Syndicate, all rights reserved, used by author's permission.)

My Favorite Bible Verse

I. By Mrs. Maggie Dooley, Gunnison

"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me." (Psalms 23:4)

II. By Mrs. O. C. Duke, Yazoo City

"For the which cause I also suffer these things; nevertheless I am not ashamed: for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day." (II Timothy 1:12)

III. By Mrs. C. M. Elder, Blue Mountain

"A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold." (Proverbs 22:1)

IV. By Mrs. Wm. R. Ivy, Newton
"He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:18)

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Andrew Chapel Is New Church

For a year and a half Pelahatchie church has been sponsoring a Mission in the Andrew Chapel community of Rankin County. On August 28 they organized the mission into a church with 34 charter members. A building has been erected and paid for. Plans are now being made to build an educational building to this.

On the first of January of this year, Rev. J. A. Jeffreys of Mississippi College, was called as pastor of the mission. A half time program is now being promoted by Pastor Jeffreys.

The Council for the organization of the church was composed of the following pastors of Rankin County: Rev. J. L. Reeves, Rev. Clifton Davis, Rev. Malcolm Jones, Rev. Claude Howe, Jr., Rev. Carey Cox, Rev. Everett Denton, Rev. H. H. Bethune, Rev. J. L. Sherman.

The following permanent officers were elected by Andrew Chapel Baptist Church: Rev. J. A. Jeffreys, pastor; Mrs. W. G. Purvis, Church Clerk; Mr. Morris Fortune, Church Treasurer.

Recently Pelahatchie Church installed a tower chimes system. The chimes are played each evening at 6:00 o'clock for fifteen minutes. Besides the chimes being played the system also

CALENDAR OF PRAYER

September 12 — Transfer Church Membership Week; William K. Self, Trustee, Baptist Memorial Hospital.

September 13 — Dr. A. H. Germany, Mississippi College faculty; Mrs. Marion Melton, Yazoo Associational W. M. U. Supt.

September 14 — Florence Lambert, William Carey College staff; J. L. Corley, Grenada Associational Chairman of Evangelism.

September 15 — B. F. Ogletree, Jones Associational Music Director; Charles Powell, Student Director, Clarke College.

September 16 — Jesse Hardin, Lafayette Associational Training Union Director; Forrest Eastham, Gulf Coast Associational Brotherhood President.

September 17 — Dr. W. A. Keel, Baptist Building; E. L. Howell, Associational Missionary, Mississippi Association.

September 18 — Dr. W. C. Sandusky, Trustee, Blue Mountain College; Rex Reed, Trustee, Baptist Foundation.

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Much Progress Made At Dorroh Lake

Fish and fellowship were the highlights of the Dorroh Lake Assembly meeting Thursday, August 25.

After a free fish supper from 5:30 to 7:30 the meeting was devoted to addresses by Rev. John Laney, Rev. Frank Armstrong, Rev. C. H. Cutrell, and Rev. D. C. Applegate.

It was revealed that Dorroh Lake was paid for in 1954; Mantee Church held an R. A. Camp and a G. A. Camp and Walthall Church held a G. A. Camp there.

The lake has been drained for cleaning and restocking with fish and a road is under construction to go around the lake. An open air chapel is also under construction and the building has been repaired. The kitchen has been equipped.

In 1955 Zion Associational R. A. Camp was held, Zion Association also held G. A. Camp. Other meetings held there include groups from Calhoun City, Zion Associational WMU, Mt. Vernon, and Double Springs Churches.

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serves the Nursery for each service by broadcasting the entire hour to this department. Rev. J. F. Stanford is pastor.

Tylertown Increases Coop Program Gifts

August 28 the Tylertown Church reached its budget goal of \$40,000. During these months 35 per cent of the church's total income has been given to the Cooperative Program and missions, but the church has voted to raise this percentage to 50 per cent of all receipts for the month of September. The church has had 70 additions since October 1, 1954. Thirty-Eight of these have been professions of faith.

Rev. Vernon May is the pastor.

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Short Creek (Yazoo) Adds 10 In Revival

Short Creek Church, Yazoo County, recently held its annual revival, the best the church had held in several years.

There were ten additions to the church, four for baptism and six additions by letter.

Rev. Bob Taylor of Owensville, Kentucky was the evangelist and Lawrence Martin of Yazoo City led the singing.

Rev. W. E. "Sonny" Bradshaw, Clarke College, is the pastor.

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Marks Holds Youth Revival

The Youth-led Revival at the First Church, Marks, began Sunday, August 28. Rev. Paul Brown, the associate pastor, is doing the preaching and Earl McLeod of Lucedale is leading the singing.

Before the end of the week Rev. and Mrs. Garland McKee of Ft. Worth will be added to the team. Both Mr. Brown and Mr. McKee accepted the call of God to the ministry while members of this church and were licensed to preach by the church. Later when Mr. Brown was called to serve a church as pastor, the Church ordained him to the full work of the ministry. Mr. McKee was ordained by the First Church, Greenville.

Rev. I. D. Eavenson is pastor.

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Bethel Revival Adds 28 Members

The Bethel Church of Sunflower County recently closed one of the best revivals in its history.

A public address system had to be installed so that the large number of people who could not find seats in the church could hear the service from the outside. On the final Sunday of the revival all previous known records in Sunday School attendance were broken, with 164 present.

There were 18 professions of faith and 10 people united with the church by letter. Also, there were a great number of rededications.

Rev. Jerry W. Robinson, Jr., pastor of Dockery Church, was the visiting preacher.

The oddity of the meeting was when Mr. Robinson preached on tithing on Wednesday night there were nine additions to the church.

Rev. Dale Wilson is the new pastor of the church.

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Coat (Simpson) Holds Revival

There were 12 additions to Coat Church in Simpson County during the recent services.

Rev. Freddie Brister, pastor of the Hamilton Street Church, Brookhaven, was the evangelist and Charles Bacon, Jackson, led the singing.

Rev. Virgil Davis is the pastor.

GOING PLACES

By A. L. GOODRICH

First Church, Philadelphia

According to reports, First Church, Philadelphia continues to make progress under the leadership of their pastor, Rev. Clarke McMurray.

Plans are being made to grade the adults at the beginning of the next Sunday School year.

Walter Jones, who has served for 20 years as superintendent, is asking to be released that he may serve in other places. The superintendent-elect is Ad Davis Harbour. The B. T. U. Training Union director is Randolph Russell and Mrs. J. C. Walton will lead the W. M. U. and the Brotherhood will have as its leader Charles Yates.

Record readers in Neshoba County are now listed as follows: Bond, 16; BETHSAIDA, 39; COLDWATER, 62; Deemer, 4; DIXON, 24; Emmanuel, 11; Good Hope, 2; HIGH HILL, 44; Hope, 14; LAUREL HILL, 23; LINWOOD, 40; NESHOPA, 32; NEW BLACK JACK, 24; Mt. Nelson, 1; PHILADELPHIA, FIRST, 294; PHILADELPHIA, BEACON STREET, 66; PHILADELPHIA, EAST, 63; SARDIS, 24; SPRING CREEK, 47; NEW BETHEL, 27; NEW HARMONY, 24.

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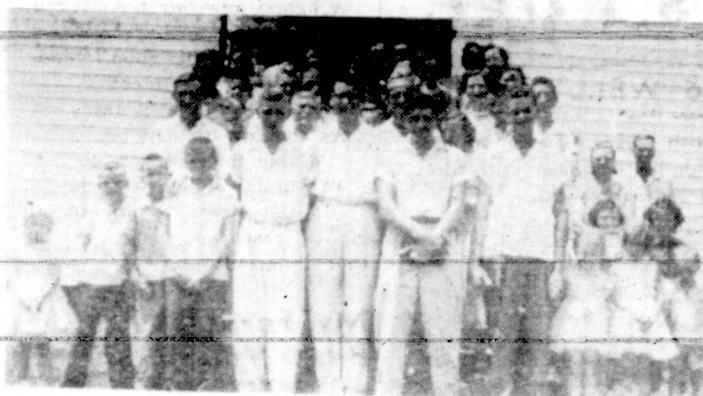
First Church, Magnolia

While the Magnolia saints are seeking a pastor to succeed Rev. W. T. Douglas who recently went to Pontotoc as pastor, we had the privilege of supplying.

Unlike most churches, Magnolia Baptists are carrying on in a fine way. The offering for the Sunday previous to our engagement was more than it was the previous year. The Sunday School had an attendance of practically the same number that it had a year ago. There was a slight drop in the Training Union attendance, but I was assured that they would take care of that.

Record readers in Pike County are now listed as follows: BALA CHITTO, 23; BLUFF SPRINGS, 27; BOGUE CHITTO, 45; CALVARY, 51; CENTRAL, 168; McCOMB, EAST, 226; FERNWOOD, 51; FRIENDSHIP, 119; Greenwood, 5; HOLMESVILLE, 33; JOHNSTON STATION, 28; McCOMB, FIRST, 403; McCOMB, SOUTH

Ebenezer Church Has Revival



Shown above is the revival congregation following the Friday evening service, with the new converts standing in the front center, with the pastor.

The Ebenezer Church of Holmes County held its summer revival July 31-August 6. The week began with over 200 people attending Homecoming Day.

During the revival, 9 professions of faith were made, 1 addition by letter and over 20 rededications. Rev. Clarence

Young from the New Orleans Seminary was the visiting preacher. The pastor, Guy Futral, Jr., led the singing.

The church has been repainted inside and out, the pews refinished and other improvements made.

Religious Liberty Violations Should Be Reported At Once

WASHINGTON, D. C. — (BP) Knowledge of specific instances of the violation of the principle of separation of church and state is needed at once by C. Emanuel Carlson, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs.

If you know of any violations write Carlson at 1628 Sixteenth St. N. W., Washington, D. C. He must have the information in preparation for a hearing before the Senate Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights to be conducted early this fall. The Sub-committee under the chairmanship of Senator Thomas C. Hennings, Jr. of Missouri has scheduled hearings on the First Amendment of the Constitution, dealing with religious liberty, for October 3.

It is not yet known just what kind of testimony the Subcommittee will call for, though from an announcement by Senator Hennings it is expected to be confined to the more legal angles with most of the testimony coming from constitutional lawyers and other highly qualified experts in the field.

Serving with Carlson as spokesman for Southern Baptist viewpoints and observations will be Walter Pope Binns, Liberty, Mo.

SIDE, 174; McCOMB, LOCUST ST., 65; MAGNOLIA, 94; MT. ZION, 40; OSYKA, 85; PROGRESS, 51; SILVER CREEK, 69; SILVER SPRINGS, 63; SUMMIT, 115; TANGIPAHOA, 78; TERRY'S CREEK, 79; THOMPSON, 25; UNION, 41; PRICE ST., 40; NORTH McCOMB, 46; SUNNY HILL, 42.

"I Surrender All," BSU Retreat Theme

"I Surrender All" is the theme for the annual Baptist Student Union Pre-School Retreat for Mississippi College students on September 12-14 at Camp Garaywa. The opening session will begin at two o'clock with B.S.U. President, Sonny Emerson, Hernando, as the presiding officer.

Special features of the retreat will be messages by Charles Horner, state B.S.U. secretary, Jackson; Rev. Henry Crouch, pastor, Northside Church, Jackson; Dr. Bob Simmons, pastor, First Church, Raymond; Rev. Bill Causey, associate pastor, Parkway Church, Jackson; and Rev. Russell McIntire, pastor, Clinton Church.

Other program personnel include Dr. Jack Gunn, Mrs. Fletcher Jackson, Dr. Archie Germany, and Frank Horton of the Mississippi College faculty, and the following student leaders: Bill Simmons, Natchitoches, La.; Jo Smith, Corinth; Dell Dickens, Leland; Sarah Ann Bullock, Greenville; Betty Godard, Natchez; Guy Futral, Jr., Oxford; David Sansing, Clinton; Jack Farmer, Taylorsville; Sammy Simpson, Blue Mountain; Fred Postma, Bay Minette, Ala.; N. B. Langford, Jr., D'Lo; Mavis Farmer, Columbia; Virginia McLain, Puckett; John David Broome, Columbia; Olive Hewitt, Jackson; Billy Gist, Indianola; Patsy Kelly, Pensacola, Fla.; Carole Hixon, Eupora; Milton Pittman, Greenwood; Kerry Gough, Vicksburg; Charlotte Griffin, Natchez,

50, 40 and 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD Sr.

50 Years Ago

Pastor J. B. Searcy of Biloxi told of many fine things of the Baptist World Alliance in London, England, among them being the entertainment which, he says, "was unsuited and royal."

It was stated that several hundred homes were not taken and the hosts were complaining. He and Mrs. Searcy were taken care of in "delightful style" by Miss Heath at No. 2, Dartmouth Row.

Pastor Bryan Simmons of Columbia reports the meeting at Cedar Grove Church, Marion County, he doing the preaching, resulting in 21 accessions, 16 for baptism.

40 Years Ago

CLARK MEMORIAL COLLEGE NUMBER: Charles D. Johnson, secretary of the faculty, is feature writer. Pictures of the buildings show up well, and a special feature is list of alumni from 1910-11 through 1914-1915. In the five years, 69 had been graduated, and of these seven were ministers of the gospel and 38 were teachers, most of them principals of schools.

25 Years Ago

The Arm Baptist Church, Lawrence County, closed a successful meeting with 25 additions, 16 of them for baptism. Rev. Earl Ferrell did the preaching, and Eugene Ferrell led the singing.

Holmesville Church reports nine additions during the summer, five by baptism and four by letter. Record crowds attended the revival. Rev. Richard W. Luebbert is the pastor.

Charles Davis, Grenada; Al Berry, New Hebron; Bobbie Nell Moore, McComb; Gerald Buckley, Hattiesburg; Bob Overton, Amory; Ailene Hayes, Carey, and Johnny Goodwin, Utica. The pianist will be Shirley Ruth Meek, Jackson, and the song leader will be Frank Gunn, Indianola.

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Catholics Warned About Non-Sectarian Cemeteries

INDIANAPOLIS — (RNS) — Archbishop Paul C. Schulte of Indianapolis in a pastoral letter issued a stern warning here against the use of non-sectarian cemeteries for Roman Catholic burials.

The letter said that, "no priest may accompany the corpse to a grave" in a non-sectarian or commercial cemetery. The only exception, it said, was in the case of converts who have family plots purchased before they entered the Church.

Sparks & Splinters

The Baptist pastors of Noxubee County met in the First Church, Macon, Monday morning, September 5 and organized "The Noxubee County Baptist Pastor's Conference". The following pastors were selected as officers of the Conference: Ivor L. Clark, President; John Hemphill, Vice-President; and John Atchley, Secretary. R. D. Pearson was named Program Chairman and E. C. Farr Chairman of Fellowship.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. C. L. Boland, Silver Creek;

Curtiss Roy Willis, Silver Creek; E. F. Graeser, Meridian; J. H. Sherman, Brandon; W. M. Bowie, Jr.; Rev. Roy D. Raddin, Anguilla; Rev. Jerry Robinson, Jr., Ruleville; Rev. Lincoln D. Newman, Lucedale.

Forty-two years of Christian-church monopoly on elementary education in parts of Indonesia is enough, says that awakening nation. Among this dominantly non-Christian people, intolerance evidently will not go to the point of denying free operation by church schools; it only cuts off their support from public funds. Further, assuming that this may mean restricted operation of such schools, perhaps their closing in some instances, the government is planning to open public schools. Indonesia seems far away, but American blood liberated it a decade ago, and its movement toward the American principle of church-state separation is an encouragement.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: J. L. Boyd, Sr., Clinton; J. M. Thomas, Jr., Tupelo; Rev. Lloyd A. Sparkman, Kosciusko; Lester L. Brown, Kosciusko; Paul Owen, New Albany; J. W. Caperton, Tunica; Robert K. Ray, Durant; Edith Whitley, Brandon; Patty Solomon, Prentiss; Rev. and Mrs. Parkes Marler, Forkville; Rev. W. W. Hayes, Quitman; Rev. E. C. Wells, Quitman; Rev. Al Finch, Quitman.

WAKE FOREST, N. C.—(BP) —A new enrolment record was set at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary when 401 students matriculated during the first two days of registration for the fall semester.

Among the recent visitors in the Baptist Building were: Rev. and Mrs. R. H. Hogg and Stevie, Jarrell, Texas; Harris Counce, Jr., Corinth; E. C. McCord, Corinth; Rev. and Mrs. C. O. Daniels, Columbus; Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Churchmell, Leakesville; Mrs. J. W. Bachstrom, Leakesville; Mrs. W. J. Turner, Leakesville; Rev. Dan Thompson, Columbia.

Magee Pastor To Be MC Alumni Secretary



Rev. J. B. Smith

Rev. J. B. Smith, pastor of the First Church, Magee, has resigned to become Alumni Secretary of the Mississippi College Alumni Association effective Oct. 1. He will continue to serve the church as interim pastor until a pastor is called.

Mr. Smith has been at Magee eight years, going from First Church, Hollandale, where he was pastor for seven years. Before that he was pastor at Ackerman.

He is a graduate of Mississippi College, with Master's degree from the Southern Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Mr. Smith was for a long time a member of the State Convention Board, on its Executive Committee, Chairman of the Temperance Committee, and the Personnel Committee of the Board.

Great progress has been made under his leadership at Magee, going from an \$8,000 budget to tithes and offerings which some years exceeded \$50,000.

A new auditorium and education building have been erected at a cost of \$200,000. Both are well equipped, and the auditorium is being air-conditioned. After his tenure as interim pastor at Magee, churches needing his services on Sundays will find him available.

If absence makes the heart grow fonder, how some people must LOVE the church!

How To Get Rid Of Your Preacher

By DAVID C. BOAZ, Pastor, First Baptist Church, Taylorsville

Not long ago a well-meaning group of laymen from a neighboring church came to see me. They wanted me to advise them of some convenient, and preferably painless way to get rid of their preacher.

They assured me that they had nothing against him personally. He was a good preacher, and a pretty good pastor. But the work of the church seemed to be at a standstill, and they thought he was the cause of it. He had been there for a number of years, and they thought a new preacher might add new life and spirit to the church.

I'm afraid I was not much help to them, for at that time I had not occasioned to give the matter any serious thought. But since then I have pondered the matter a great deal, and the next time anyone comes to me for advice on the subject, I'll be ready with the answer.

There are five suggestions I shall make about how to get rid of an undesirable preacher.

1. Look him straight in the eye while he is preaching, and say "amen" once in a while. HE'LL PREACH HIMSELF TO DEATH in a few weeks.

2. Pat him on the back and brag on his good points. HE'LL SOON WORK HIMSELF TO DEATH.

3. Start paying him a living wage. Perhaps he is one of those many preachers who have gone on starvation wages for so long, he'd EAT ENOUGH TO KILL HIM if he ever got the chance.

4. Rededicate your own life to Christ and ask the preacher for a job to do (preferably some lost person you could win to Christ). HE'LL DIE OF HEART FAILURE.

5. Get the church to unite in prayer for the preacher, and he'll soon become so effective, SOME LARGER CHURCH WILL TAKE HIM OFF YOUR HANDS.

DON'T PROTESTANTS Believe In Confession?

But Protestants don't believe in confession, do they? Bob asked a friend who was a leader in a nearby Protestant church.

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"There's no confessional in the Protestant church, is there?"

"No, there isn't. But that doesn't mean that we don't believe in confession. We believe that every person must confess his sins. The Bible says, 'If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He (God) is faithful and just to forgive us our sins.' (I John 1: 8, 9)"

"But you don't have any priests. To whom do you confess?"

"No, we don't have priests in the sense you probably mean, Bob. The Bible says that every 'born again' Christian is a priest." (Revelation 1: 6)

"Then do you confess to one another?"

"We can. The Bible tells us that we should confess our sins one to another when we have wronged one another. But there is a big difference between confession and forgiveness. The only One who can forgive sin is the One against Whom we have sinned."

—that is God. God the Father saw the great guilt of sin which would be on every human soul. The Bible says that God showed His love toward us, 'in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.' (Romans 5: 8)

"I believe I understand that, but how do I confess my sins?"

"It is very simple, Bob. Jesus Christ, God's Son, died for you and me, and thus He paid in full the penalty for our sins so that God could forgive us. God is everywhere and knows everything. Anyone, anywhere, can turn to God in prayer and confess his sins. Jesus, when He was on earth, invited people to come directly to Him. He said, 'Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.' (Matthew 11: 28)"

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Dr. Edward Hughes Pruden, pastor, said stones will be inclined from Westminster Abbey and St. Paul's Cathedral in London, a church destroyed in the atom-bombing of Hiroshima

and Baptist churches in England, Africa, Germany and Argentina.

Other stones some from Mars Hills in Athens, Greece, where St. Paul preached, and various sites in the Holy Land, including the banks of the Jordan River.

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She served with her husband as a missionary in China until 1949 and since that time they have served in Bangkok, Thailand.

CORRECTION

In listing gifts of WMU's, the following should have been included:

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September 6

Panola—Nell Taylor
Lowndes — Erlene Howard,
Missionary to Spanish

September 7
Scott—Edwina Robinson

September 8
Calhoun — Nell Taylor
Choctaw—Erlene Howard
Smith — Edwina Robinson

September 9
Zion — Erlene Howard
Jasper — Edwina Robinson

September 12
Clay — Erlene Howard
Leake — Edwina Robinson

September 13
Marshall — Nell Taylor
Tishomingo — Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn, former President, Carver School

September 14
Tate — Nell Taylor
Alcorn — Miss Carrie U. Littlejohn
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September 14
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Counselor's Corner

By DR. R. LOFTON HUDSON



Dr. Hudson, pastor of Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri is author of "The Religion of a Mature Person" and "The Religion of a Sound Mind" for the Baptist Record.

ANNUAL CALL

Question: Our church practices what is named the "annual call." Our pastor has resigned saying that "going by a calendar in calling and discharging the pastor is denial of the Holy Spirit's leadership and contrary to the practice of other Baptist churches."

Could you tell me and others who practice the annual call to what extent Southern Baptist churches practice it. What is the trend?

Answer: I knew some churches which practiced the annual call twenty-five years ago. They have all discontinued it today. My judgment is that the trend is definitely away from this practice. In fact, I did not know that anybody believed in this today.

The annual call has two great weaknesses. First, it gives no security to the pastor. He cannot buy a car expecting to continue to make payments, for he might not be recalled. Labor, the teaching profession, and every other group of society is trying to get away from insecurity. It has been discovered that good workers will be better workers if furnished a reasonable security.

Second, the annual call breeds discontent. Any trouble maker in the church can get the vote to disturb an otherwise fairly good relationship. Many troubles can be worked out if people stay together — this is true in marriage, as well as in church. But if a time is set to see whether the relationship will be continued, the stage is set for discontent and misunderstanding.

Baptists have a great problem in the prompt and effective location of their pastors and in finding pastors for their churches. We need more stability, not less. Long pastorates are generally more desirable.

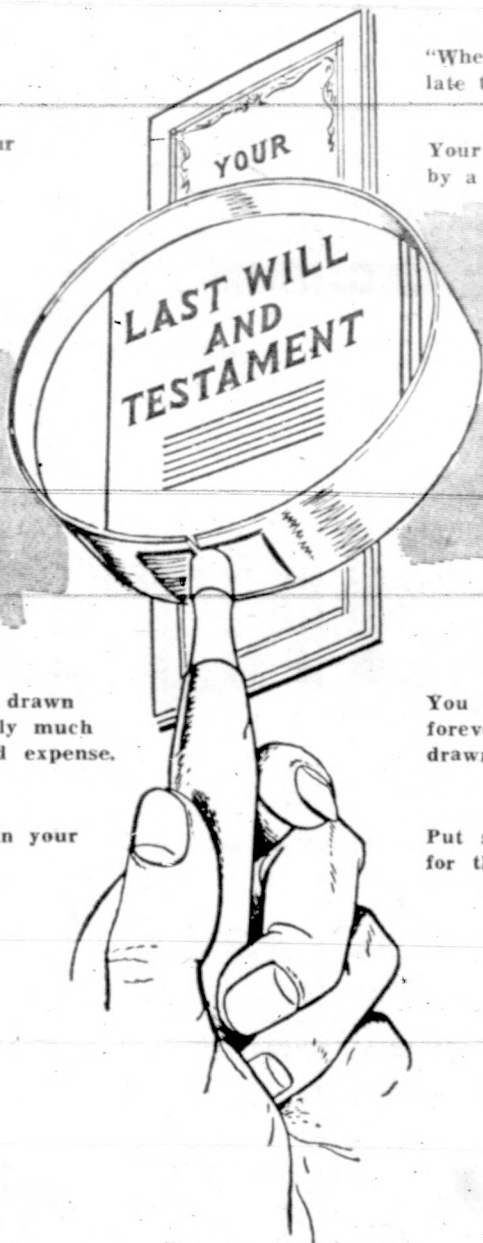
How would you like for your son, if he were a minister, to have his job reviewed every year, to see whether or not he is to be fired? I think it contradicts both the leadership of the Holy Spirit and the doctrine of Christian love.

(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, Wornall Road Baptist Church, Kansas City, Missouri.)

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Total registration for Royal Ambassador Camps at Camp Garaywa was 728. These were from 147 different churches. Each of the camps ran Monday to Saturday.

From morning till night each day was one of activity and interest. The day began with calisthenics and a brief devotional service under the trees. Some thought the best part of the day was when the camp pastor taught the Bible. To most every boy, the mission workshops were the best camp has ever had. In this, the boy colored his map and followed on his charts as his leader told about the needs of the world and our Baptist work to help meet those needs.

Achievement and the use of physical energy appeals to real boys. The recreational and swimming contests and tournaments are always popular as they meet this appeal. The boys gave forth every ounce of energy to show their skill and to meet the competition. Dashing, broad and high jumping, ball throwing, archery, horse shoe pitching were the victims. All types of swimming kept the pool water stirred up.

As all of us gave up these activities one of our mission representatives led us on a tour

of his home land. Royal Ambassador Camps are identified with missions because Royal Ambassadors are missionaries. These, our mission representatives, are vital to a good time at camp.

After lunch, every stomach needed a good rest as did the entire body. After resting the fight was on. Each cabin had its own ball team and tried to play fairly and to win. These games were lively and well played. Other fellows went swimming while others took part in handicraft. Many fine articles of leathercraft were made by these campers.

After the sun had gone down behind the trees to the west, we all gathered for the evening mission movie. Following our good time together during the day, our cabin devotional service at night, the worn out leaders and boys gladly stretched out on their beds, each one looking forward to a new day filled with activity and good times.

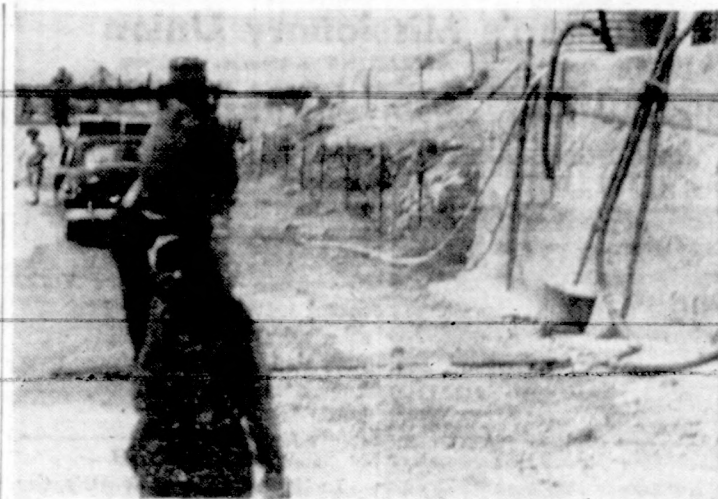
As men of the Brotherhood become more acquainted with the new responsibility, the opportunity of helping the boys will become heavier. Now is the time to begin planning for camp next year. Keep camp be-

fore the boys. A boy is as interested in camp as you lead him to be. Boys will attend camp to the extent that adults promote it and encourage them. Our job is to talk up camp, provide for camp, give transportation to and from camp and build a desire about camp.

One hundred thirty attended the tenth Young Men's Mission Conference at Glorieta Assembly August 11-17. It was directed by Edward Hurt, Jr., Convention-wide Royal Ambassador Secretary. To attend this, a boy must be at least 15 years old, have passed the rank of ambassador, and he must be recommended by his state Royal Ambassador Secretary. The quota limited Mississippi to 14.

In the Mississippi group were Joel Ray, Jackson; Luther Bulard, Brookhaven; Bill Mixon, Jackson; Larry Zigler, Pascagoula; James Forsyth, Corinth; Earl Wall, Osyka; Luke Platt, Columbus; Tommy Beard, Hattiesburg; Roy Gunter, Greenville; Wilbur Pearson, Columbus; David Johns, Ackerman; Jimmie Street, Clinton; Billy Johns, Ackerman; John Addison, Osyka; and Ben Thomas, Natchez.

The 1956 Young Men's Mission Conference will be at Ridgecrest. It is not too early for a young man to begin getting ready and passing the required rank to attend. Help your young men be blessed by this good conference.



Shown above is a teen-age girl carrying water near Jericho.

S. J. FIELDS

S. J. Fields died on August 21, two days before his 81st birthday. The son of H. H. and Abigail Matthews Fields, he made his home after his health failed (for the past ten years) with his niece, Miss Norma Beck, and nephew, J. W. Beck. He was a retired farmer.

Rev. C. J. Olander, Tchula, Mr. Fields' former pastor at Coila Church, officiated, as had been requested by Mr. Fields.

The last member of his family, Mr. Fields had been a mason for over 65 years and loved his church, Coila Baptist.

He had always enjoyed reading the Baptist Record. Even though he had become blind

Classes will begin at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky, on Tuesday, September 13. Convocation at 10:00 a. m. will mark the opening of the Seminary's ninety-sixth year. The school began in Greenville, S. C., in 1859.

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What time I am afraid,
I will trust in thee.
Psalm 56:3

he wanted someone always to read the Record for him.

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Rome Is A City Of Contrasts Some Magnificent, Sad, Pitiful

By A. L. GOODRICH

Three words express our reaction after a visit to Rome—magnificent, sad, pitiful.

Magnificent describe Vatican City, the seat of the Roman Catholic Church. Dominating all that magnificence is St. Peter's Cathedral—the largest church in the world. Not only is it large, but splendor marks every part of it. Wonderful paintings, outstanding sculpture, gold ornaments are everywhere.

Catholics tell you that St. Peter's is built over the tomb of the Apostle whose name it bears but there is no historical nor Scriptural proof to back up that claim. Of all the pagan as well as Christian structures in Europe, Asia or Africa that we saw, none has outdone the glamor and splendor of St. Peter's.

The center of attraction is a huge statue of Peter, the apostle. Millions of faithful Catholics have passed by and stopped to kiss his toe, which now is almost worn off by constant caresses.

Close by is the residence of the Pope. Daily at 12:30 p. m. he appears and pronounces a blessing upon the assembled thousands. (A loud speaker system makes his voice heard throughout the vast St. Peter's Square.) We kissed Peter's toe and heard the Pope's blessing but so far as we know we have not received any blessing that we would not have received anyway.

The word SAD is appropriate for the Sacred Stairs (Scala Sancta). It is claimed that these stairs were brought from Jerusalem and are from Pilate's house and were ascended by Jesus on His way to the judgment hall.

We doubt this and we also doubt the claim that those who climb those stairs on their knees, saying a prayer on each step will receive a special blessing. We think that God will hear a prayer from anywhere and give it just as much consideration as He will one from Scala Sancta.

Sad it was to see these people going up these stairs on their knees sincerely believing that this would bring to them a special blessing. Sad it was to see them fingering their rosaries and stopping to kiss the stairs at points where drops of sacred blood are supposed to have fallen.

But there is one bright memory about these stairs. It was while climbing them on his knees that Martin Luther saw the light and exclaimed, "The just shall live by faith." He walked up the remaining steps and started the Protestant

movement that electrified the world.

I watched these people, hundreds of them, men, women and children, climbing those steps on their knees. And I doubt not that they believed it somehow would help save their souls from sin and from Hell. They seemed so sincere and so dead in earnest.

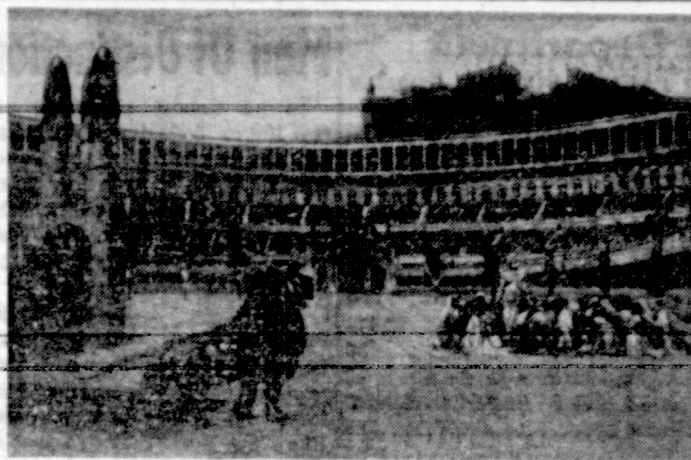
I wanted to shout to them that we are not saved by works but "By Grace are ye saved."

PITIFUL to me was the Santa Mario della Concezione or the Church of the Cemeteries. A Bishop is said to have gone to Jerusalem and brought back some dirt which he scattered in the basement of the church. He then announced that anyone buried there would get 10 years off purgatory. They claim that over 4,000 monks have been buried there. After being buried 10 years the bones are dug up and used to decorate the church. The bones are used for partitions, for ceiling adornments and all kinds of decorations. If bones can be attractive, these are, for the monks who make a career of "bonery" seem to be efficient to the nth degree. The walls and ceilings are decorated with arm, leg and thigh bones, and skulls of these departed people. And their artistry is good even if we cannot admire their material.

No one can visit the Mamertine Prison, perhaps in the very cell where Paul was imprisoned without a feeling of veneration for the man who gave up everything material that he might know Christ. In ancient times there was no entrance except a small hole in the top. A guide pointed out a faucet coming up from the floor and said that this was a spring that miraculously sprang up when Paul had led his soldier guard to accept Christ. He seemed peeved when one person pointed out that in Paul's day immersion was the only mode of baptism and another reminded him that the so-called fountain was only a hydrant connected to the city water line.

Even though it was mid-summer, the cell was damp and somewhat cool. We could understand why Paul wrote Timothy to bring his cloak.

I also felt a sense of sacredness as I stood in the center of the now partially destroyed Colosseum. This huge sports arena built to seat about 50,000 spectators is now about two-thirds destroyed. But as we stood in the center of the enclosure we could visualize the countless Christians who had been huddled in the center awaiting the hungry lions who



Shown above is the Circo Massimo in Rome. It was used by ancient Romans as a place for giving great spectacles. The picture of the last prayer of some Christians collected together praying and awaiting their death.

Parochial Transportation Controversy Revived In New Mexico

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M. — (RNS) — Baptist leaders in New Mexico called for a court test of the state's new parochial school bus law as the end of the summer vacation renewed discussion of the statute.

The law, passed by the legislature earlier this year, authorizes county commissions to use general funds in transporting children to parochial schools. Three counties — Valencia, Rio Arriba and Bernalillo — already have budgeted funds for this purpose.

But in the latter — which includes the Albuquerque metropolitan area and has about one-third of the state's total population — Roman Catholic officials said the \$3,000 budgeted

by the county commission, despite opposition from Baptist leaders, was only one-fifth of the amount needed to provide bus transportation for the 500 of their 6,600 students estimated to need it.

The Catholic spokesmen added they were satisfied with this amount as a "token."

Dr. Lewis A. Myers (Mississippian) editor of the Baptist New Mexican said, "We are not concerned with whether or not it is a good idea to provide public transportation for private school students," he said. "We are against the principle. Each small violation of the principle of the separation of Church and State leads to further encroachments."

would soon be loosed to appease their hungry on those helpless humans whose only crime was the fact that they were Christians.

A visit to the Catacombs with only a candle for light is a never-to-be-forgotten event. No tourist could take time to visit all of them but as most of them are alike, a visit to one suffices. Deep underground are long winding paths with rooms all along. These rooms were used for the burial of the Christian dead. Usually there were four recesses on each side of a room. Each recess would take care of one body. Some were richly decorated. Here, too, are many chapels dedicated to the memory of earlier martyrs. Many of these resting places contain various Christian symbols such as: the palm branch, the symbol of victory; the anchor, the symbol of hope in Christ; the dove, the symbol of eternal peace; the peacock, the symbol of immortality.

Another great edifice is St. Paul's Cathedral. It is here that Paul is said to have en-

tered Rome as he passed along the Appian Way. It too is magnificent. But the thing about it that will always be remembered is the whiskey that was on sale there. As an inducement, the salesmen reminded us that it was better than ordinary whiskey because it was made by the monks and they were jealous of their reputation.

There are new buildings in Rome but no guide pointed them out. They seem to be living on the glory of the past, not the achievements of the present. The great wealth of the Roman Catholic Church and its churches gilded with gold are in sharp contrast with the poverty of multitudes of its people. A man holding a responsible position in a travel agency told us that his wages were about \$2.00 per day. As one guide is reported to have said when asked about this, "The Church spends too little on the people and spend too much on herself. Church should be more simple."

Too many people are near poverty. Per capita income is

estimated at about \$400.00 per year. In the United States is probably over \$2000.00. Forty per cent of Italy's productive land is owned by 1% of the landowners. I was told that most of the American aid, sent at the close of the War was handled by the Roman Catholic Church with the implication that it was a gift from the Roman Catholic Church.

It is interesting to note that outside Russia, Communists are more numerous in Italy than in any other country except China.

It is also interesting to note that Italian illiteracy is ten times that in the United States.

Being in Italy on Sunday we visited a Baptist Church for its Sunday night service. The pastor is Dr. Manfredi Ronchi. He is also editor of the Italian Baptist paper and executive secretary.

Baptists have 52 churches, 4,000 members and 81 preaching stations in Italy. Missionaries are located at Rome and Rivoli, near Turin. Rome has five Baptist churches, the G. B. Taylor Orphanage and the Rest Home for old folks. The Armstrong Memorial Training School, the good Samaritan Clinic. There is a church at Florence and at Tivoli is located the Baptist Theological School.

With only four institutions and ten missionaries, it is not strange that Baptist progress in Italy is slow.

One thing we shall not soon forget about Rome: A member of our party was taken sick with the usual stomach trouble that plagues tourists. A doctor was called. His office was little more than 100 yards away. His call lasted perhaps five minutes. His charge, \$16.00.

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January Bible Study Week has come to be one of the truly great weeks in so many Southern Baptist churches.

That is the week when the family comes to the church each night for a week to study some portion of the Holy Scriptures. It is a Bible study time, and that is why it has grown to be such a popular time in our churches.

For 1956, the study will be the teachings of Jesus as given in the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of Matthew, or what we usually call, "The Sermon on the Mount."

The guide book for those studies has been prepared by Dr. Leo Eddleman, now the president of Georgetown College in Kentucky. Dr. Eddleman is one of our best scholars, a former missionary to Palestine, and has also served as pastor and a teacher in the Southern Seminary. He is a Mississippian and a graduate of Mississippi College.

Be sure to put in your calendar for 1956 the first week of it for this Bible Study Week in your church. The guide books will be available in ample time at the Baptist Book Store, Jackson.

OCTOBER GROUP SCHOOLS

October is the month for a great time of training and preparation for all of our Sunday schools. That is the time to get the new workers off to a good start by helping them to a better understanding of what they are to do.

By having several churches in the same general area of an association work together in a school, makes it possible to have all the department books taught, with the teachers being secured from the various churches in the group.

Here is a real opportunity for associational leaders to help their Sunday schools do a better work next year. However,

plans must be made if this goes over.

AWARDS FOR JULY, 1955

No. awards for July..... 1,250
No. awards to date..... 22,478
No. churches to date..... 456

HIGH FIVE ASSOCIATIONS

Hinds..... 238
Rankin..... 97
Yazoo..... 87
Walthall..... 77
Simpson..... 75

HIGH FIVE CHURCHES

Calvary, Jackson..... 125
Yazoo City, First..... 86
Tylertown..... 62
Woodville..... 56
Houlka..... 55

KEEP THEM COMING, PLEASE

You have been wonderful about sending in reports of your Vacation Bible schools. And for this we are so very grateful.

However, some of you have not yet sent in yours. Won't you do that right now? We need it so much for the completion of this year's work. We shall be so thankful to you for this favor. Please check on this now and help us out on this point.

SOUTHSIDE HAS GOOD SCHOOL

The Southside church, Hattiesburg, Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor, closed a good Vacation school recently with a fine commencement program. The enrollment was 112, with a mission offering of \$9.25. Leon Thornton and other young people from the Main Street church led the school.

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Two years ago Cardinal Ottaviani declared that tolerance does not permit propaganda which "foments religious discord and alters the secure and unanimous possession of truth and of religious practice in countries such as Italy, Spain, and others." Currently, THE AMERICAN ECCLESIASTICAL REVIEW, published by Catholic University, defends Ottaviani's position. If Jesus Christ had been unwilling to introduce discord or to challenge a monopoly on truth by certain well-established groups, how would the Occidental world look now? When one's voice does not harmonize with another's, that does not prove the other party is off key. And then, "unanimous possession of truth" — let no one rock the boat.

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Dr. and Mrs. Samuel G. Rankin, Southern Baptist missionaries of the China staff, have left the States for their new field of service in Hong Kong. Their address will be 169 Boundary Street, Kowloon, Hong Kong. Dr. Rankin has

Man Of Distinction

In an honest effort to aid the liquor industry in presenting a fair picture of the liquor situation, we give below some facts taken from one of the daily papers in New York. The head was "US Raids City's Biggest Still Since Prohibition."

The liquor industry would have us think that legalizing liquor is the solution and that prohibiting it promotes law-breaking. If that is true, cities like New York that are just as wet as wet can be and legally so, should have no liquor law violations.

Therefore, in order that people may know whether or not legalization aids law enforcement, we quote the following:

"Smashing their way into a Coney Island ice warehouse, Internal Revenue Bureau agents and detectives Tuesday uncovered the largest illegal still seized in New York since Prohibition."

"Walter Carroll, supervisor of the bureau's Alcohol Tax Unit here, said the three-story plant at Hart Place and Coney Island Creek produced more than 1,000 gallons of 190-proof alcohol daily. He estimated the still's operators cheated the government out of \$40,000 a day in taxes."

"ALFRED FIGLIOLA, 38, a chauffeur, of 184 Lafayette St., was the only man in the place when 15 agents under Carroll and four detectives of the Brooklyn Morals Squad led by Inspector Joseph Butler, raided the premises at 6 a. m. Figliola was arrested on a charge of conspiracy to violate the Internal Revenue Laws."

"The raiders confiscated 60,000 gallons of fermenting mash, 3,600 pounds of sugar, 100 bags of yeast, 125 five-gallon cans filled with alcohol and 1,000 empty five-gallon cans. They also started dismantling the still which was 36 feet high, and which they said cost \$50,000 to build."

"Police said the Cirillo Brothers Coal Co., Inc., leased the building to a man, whose name was not disclosed, two years ago for warehouse storage purposes. They estimated the still had been operated for several months and that at least 12 men were required to maintain the plant."

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passed the Canadian medical examinations which will enable him to secure a license for practicing in Hong Kong. He and Mrs. Rankin will assist in a medical program being started in connection with the Hong Kong Baptist Association. Dr. Rankin is a native of Sandy Hook, Miss.

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FOCUS DAY SPEAKER



Dr. W. L. Ball

Pictured above is Dr. W. L. Ball, Pastor of the Oakland Baptist Church, near the campus of Winthrop College, Rock Hill, South Carolina, who is to be one of the speakers and leaders during Baptist Focus Days at Mississippi State, Delta State, East Central Junior College, and Ole Miss, September 19-22. Dr. Ball was formerly BSU Director for Mississippi College. We heartily welcome him back to Mississippi for these engagements.

SCHOOL'S BEGINNING !!

Summer is over and school is beginning. By the time this appears, a number of our colleges will be underway in their 1955-56 academic sessions.

The BSU on twenty-five Mississippi campuses will be actively engaged in the enlistment of Baptist freshmen, especially, in the local Baptist church or churches during these opening days. "Join-the-Church-Day," a perennial emphasis of the BSU, is slated for the first Sunday after school starts. Enlistment into the Sunday School, Training Union Y.W.A., Brotherhood and other organizations will be in full sway on all campuses soon. So will the campaign for Baptist Record and Baptist Student Magazine subscriptions.

Our hope and prayer is that this year will be the greatest year for Christ and His church on our Mississippi campuses in history. It will be, we believe, if we in the BSU major on the majors such as Prayer, Bible Study, and Evangelistic Visitation or Witnessing day by day.

MISCELLANEA

We had hoped to give in this space the full account of the trip of BSU Director Louie Farmer and his party in Europe this summer, but because of delays and lack of space, we shall have to forego that pleasure. Mr. Farmer, we hope, will tell us, along with others, about

the trip at our coming Convention at Miss. College October 28-30.

Recently, we received a church bulletin and other materials from the First Church, Pearsall, Texas, of which Rev. Billy Bond, formerly of Miss. Southern and an active BSU-er there, was pastor for twenty-eight months during which remarkable progress was made. We are thankful for Billy's ministry out there and wish him and his family well as they enter Southwestern Seminary for further study.

According to Arlis Hinson, Youth Director of First Church, Monticello, the Youth-led Revival there resulted in nine public decisions.

Possibilities of the establishment of the much-needed position of BSU Director for Hinds County Association seem increasingly brighter, we're thankful to report. Keep praying.

"I feel sure that we will double our enrollment and enlistment of students this next year," writes Roy S. Isbell, BSU Director for Miss. State.

Plans are being made for an Intercollegiate BSU Retreat to be held at Jackson College the weekend of Oct. 23, according to Frederick Brown, BSU Director for Jackson College. Alcorn and Miss. Vocational are also to be represented.

BSU Directors Frank Horton, Miss. College; Mrs. George Nichols, Co-Lin, and Miss Nell Magee, Jones Jr., led conferences during the recent Training Union Assembly at Garywa.

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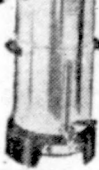
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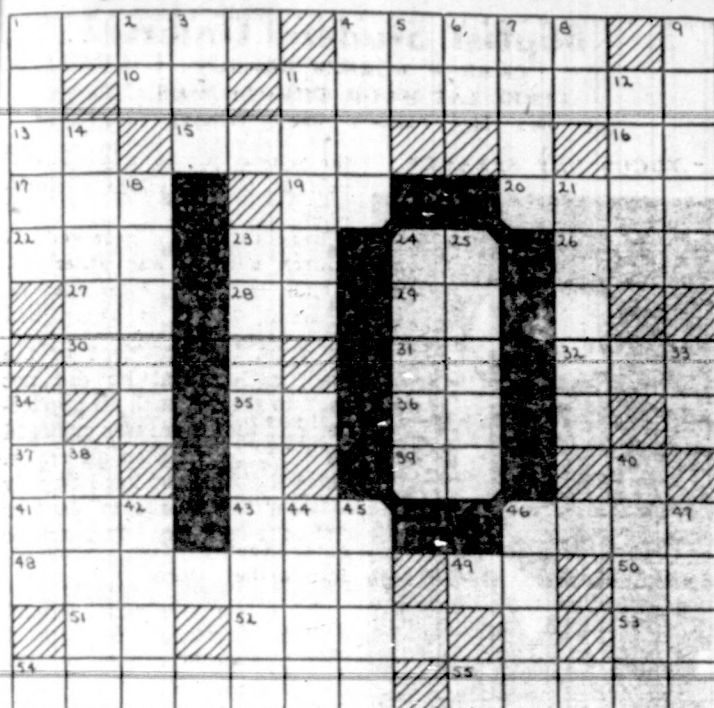
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Exodus

ACROSS

- 1 The sixth plague
4 The second plague
10 Western Continent (abbr.)
11 The ninth plague
13 "frogs came up, and covered the land . . . Egypt" 8:6
15 Refuse matter remaining after pressing grapes
16 Exclamation of surprise
17 "We will go with our young and with our . . ." 10:9
19 Indian Empire (abbr.)
20 Sensible
22 "all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall . . ." 11:5
23 Half an em
24 "neither would . . . let the children of Israel go" 9:35
26 "upon the horses, upon the . . . es, upon the camels" 9:3
27 Each (abbr.)
28 Greek (abbr.)
29 Same as 27 across
30 Saint (abbr.)
31 Capital of Moab Num. 21:15
32 "the Lord did bring the children of Israel . . . of the land of Egypt" 12:51
35 River in Italy
36 Right (abbr.)
37 Low pressure (abbr.)

- 39 Thorium (abbr.)
41 Kind of tree
43 Grandson of Benjamin I Chron. 7:7
46 The seventh plague
48 The fifth plague was the . . . of beasts
49 "houses of the Egyptians shall . . . full of swarms of flies" 8:21
50 East Indies (abbr.)
51 Seventh tone of the scale
52 "there is . . . like me in all the earth" 9:14
53 Library of Congress (abbr.)
54 The eighth plague
55 Stay

DOWN

- 1 The first plague was the turning to . . . of the waters in the river
2 "there was a thick darkness . . . all the land of Egypt" 10:22
3 Whack (slang)
4 "And they shall cover the . . . of the earth" 10:5
5 Railroad (abbr.)
6 All right
7 African antelope (pl.)
8 Compass point
9 "they took . . . of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh" 9:10
11 "the Egyptians could not . . . of the water of the river" 7:21
12 "with our . . . and with our daughters" 10:9

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Man Of Distinction

Being of a helpful and sympathetic disposition, the staff of the Baptist Record is making an earnest effort to aid the liquor industry in presenting men of distinction.

The liquor crowds plays up liquor as belonging in the American home and as being a great help to men of distinction. They overlook a few items, such as the recent article in one of the daily papers which stated that of 800 arrested persons tested by police chemists Lloyd M. Shupe of Columbus, Ohio, averaged 11 out of 12 arrested for stabbing, 10 out of 11 arrested for assault, and 8 out of 9 arrested for carrying concealed weapons were found to be under the influence of alcohol.

Truly liquor does make men of distinction. In fact it sometimes makes them men of EX-TINCTION.

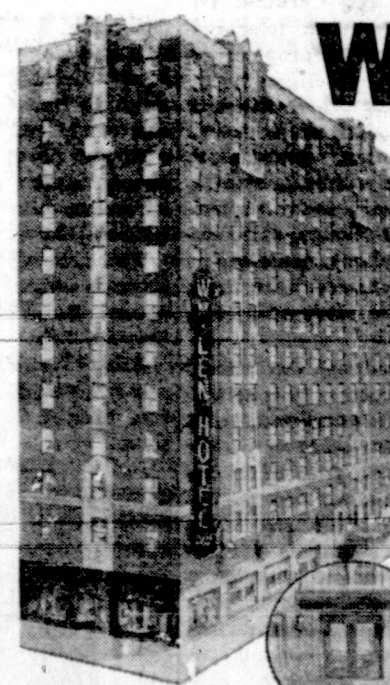
- 14 The fourth plague
18 The tenth plague was the . . . of the first born
21 "Pharaoh called for Moses and . . . in haste" 10:16
23 The plagues were sent upon the . . .
24 "And the . . . of Pharaoh was hardened" 9:35
25 "smote the dust of the . . . and it became lice" 8:17
33 "I will cause it . . . rain a very grievous hail" 9:18
34 Gloomy
38 The most remote known planet
40 "upon thy cattle which is in the . . ." 9:3
42 Payment for homicide
44 Uproar
45 Hotels
46 "and the hail smote every . . . of the field" 9:25
47 The third plague

TOTAL GIFTS TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

	1953	1954
Texas	\$2,213,327.18	\$2,383,635.61
North Carolina	778,187.83	868,099.17
Tennessee	612,793.92	784,302.93
South Carolina	659,673.44	722,921.68
Georgia	549,095.64	668,705.97
Virginia	566,244.31	608,612.71
Oklahoma	448,958.91	502,228.05
Alabama	390,584.67	443,293.76
Missouri	378,974.41	442,515.71
Louisiana	367,458.81	436,235.49
Kentucky	408,208.30	424,903.28
Mississippi	364,238.87	420,833.36
Florida	396,195.73	401,625.35
Arkansas	272,172.13	314,716.19
Illinois	93,035.58	111,981.43
New Mexico	47,880.94	81,767.37
Maryland	50,480.99	64,120.66
District of Columbia	50,213.57	56,031.14
California	38,758.50	53,824.98
Arizona	27,933.90	29,188.34
Kansas	10,394.34	12,639.44
Oregon-Washington	7,044.43	8,595.77
Alaska	3,336.22	3,879.59
Ohio		3,535.89

TOTAL GIFTS PER MEMBER TO FOREIGN MISSIONS

	1953	1954
Texas	\$1.68	\$1.74
Maryland	1.48	1.72
District of Columbia	1.56	1.70
South Carolina	1.57	1.67
Virginia	1.51	1.57
Louisiana	1.14	1.31
Alaska	1.45	1.30
New Mexico	.82	1.30
Oklahoma	1.18	1.26
Tennessee	.92	1.17
Arkansas	1.03	1.15
Florida	1.20	1.15
Missouri	1.00	1.12
North Carolina	1.03	1.12
Arizona	1.26	1.10
Mississippi	.88	1.00
Illinois	.78	.89
Georgia	.74	.88
Kansas	.82	.86
Oregon-Washington	.87	.84
Alabama	.67	.74
Kentucky	.71	.74
California	.63	.71



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The Cities For Christ

By Dr. Albert McClellan

When a great city dies, the surrounding country often dies with it. The decline of Athens as a dynamic cultural and moral center laid ancient Greece low in the dust. The gradual decay of Rome, with its population estimated at more than a million in its glory, brought a simultaneous decay of the whole Roman Empire. A great gulf of spiritual and moral darkness followed.

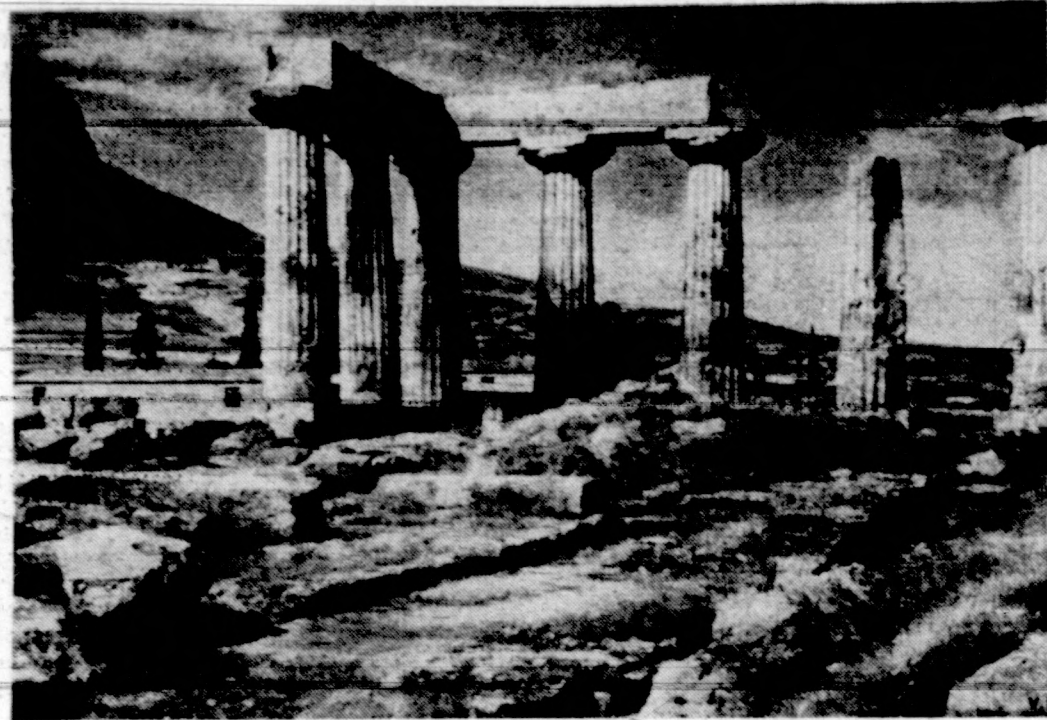
By 1377, when the Dark Ages were the blackest, a census revealed only 17,000 living in Rome. This ancient metropolitan center, held fast in the clutches of Roman Catholicism, had no light for the world. Down through the centuries it has appeared that when the great cities prosper, the world prospers. When they fall into poverty, the world likewise goes to pieces.

This thought should certainly give us pause today, because we live in a time when the great cities know an unprecedented prosperity. They are growing so rapidly that even the worn-out description "mushroomed" is inadequate. In ten years, from 1940 to 1950, despite half of that time spent in war, the city-dwelling population of the United States increased fourteen and one-half million, or three fourths of the total population increase for the period. One hundred years ago, 99 per cent of the world's population lived in small communities and the open country. This figure had altered to 95 per cent by the beginning of this century, but in 1954 over two thirds live in urban or suburban communities. Sometimes it seems that nearly everybody has moved to the city.

Moving To City Creates Problems

Where people have moved to the city, they have become part of problems that sometimes seem beyond human solution. For one thing, the bigger the city, the more unsocial it becomes. The proverbial distance from the right to the wrong side of the railroad is only one of the distances that separate city dwellers. Too often the gulf is widened between the laborer and employer. The worker becomes more of mechanic and less of craftsman; his creative impulse is destroyed. These gulfs of separation exist everywhere between the child and his teacher, the man at the door and the boy who delivers his newspaper, the woman and the groceryman, the family and its physician, to name only a few.

In New Mexico a ranch family may be intimately acquainted with the nearest neighbor ten miles away, but in Nashville, Tennessee, a family is certainly different if it knows the names of all the other families in the block. It is easy for the individual to become insular in at-



Shown above is the remains of the Temple of Apollo at Old Corinth, near Athens, Greece.

titude, even antagonistic, living as part of a crowd that seemingly doesn't know and doesn't care.

Moreover, this insularity can lead to a dulling of the sense of responsibility for the community. When the masses crowd the individual, in attitude and actual relationship he is tempted to become more and more separated from the freedom making institutions, such as the church, the school, and other circles of friendship that enable people to talk out their problems, their likes, and their dislikes. The individual tends to become more self-centered and is tempted to live a life controlled by "the lust of the flesh." Social disintegration is perhaps the best way to describe this decay of relationships.

William B. Munro, one of the greatest authorities on city life and problems, says, "This social disintegration, this complete absence of psychological homogeneity is what burdens the city with many of its most difficult problems."

Dr. Munro describes the city of today as having more wealth than the country, more skill, more erudition within its bounds, more initiative, more philanthropy, more science, more divorces, more aliens, more births and deaths, more accidents, more rich, more poor, more wise men, and more fools.

He then analyzes the effects of all these excesses in a telling statement: It is characteristic of city life that all sorts of people meet and mingle without in the least understanding one another. Their lack of understanding is due to their narrow dedication to their own purposes. They are not only antipathetic, they are competitive and often downright combative.

The Real Problem

The real problem is to find a dynamic common denominator that will tie the people together in a common fellowship and singleness of purpose. Lacking this,

cities tend to destroy themselves.

Any person with any depth of feeling who has ever walked in the steel and concrete canyons of Manhattan Island, mingling with the millions, will share the deep concern of John S. Wimbish, pastor of New York's Calvary Baptist Church, who, upon looking out upon the milling masses of Broadway, quoted an ancient writer, "It is the human eye that haunts me," and the psalmist, "The floods of ungodly men made me afraid." (Psalm 18:4)

What is true of Manhattan is true of Dallas, New Orleans, Atlanta, and a thousand other large and small cities within our own Southern Baptist Convention territory. Unless we save these cities from their selfish self-destruction, they may become human atom bombs raining death on the whole country.

From God's point of view—and what other point of view is there?—this dynamic common denominator that brings fellowship and singleness of purpose is Jesus Christ. It is he who must reign in our cities to bring an end to sin and strife.

Now as never before, Christian people must organize to win American cities for Christ.

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North-East Pastors To Meet Sept. 12

The North-East Pastors Conference will meet Monday, September 12, at the East Tupelo Church, Rev. I. E. Berryhill, pastor.

The conference area includes the following counties: Tishomingo, Alcorn, Tippah, Prentiss, Union, Itawamba, Lee, Pontotoc, Monroe, Clay, and Chickasaw. New pastors in these counties are cordially invited to attend.

The following will be heard on the program: Rev. Grant Clark of Ripley; Rev. Clarence Palmer of Chalybeate; and Rev. Frank Thomas of Aberdeen. The host pastor will lead the opening devotional.

The conference begins at nine o'clock and adjourns at noon. Lunch will be served by the host church.

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Charleston, First Adds Thirteen

First Church, Charleston, just completed a Youth Revival which resulted in thirteen additions to the church, nine on profession of faith and four by letter. There was one re-dedication.

Rev. Irvin Cheney, Jr., pastor of the First Church, Tallulah, La., was the evangelist for the week and Billy Hilbun of the Highland Church of Shreveport, La., was the singer.

The young people of the church assumed the responsibilities for the leadership of the church, teaching the Sunday School Classes and leading in the Training Union, and filling every elected position in the church organization.

Dr. Landrum Leavell is pastor.

MY PASS

By Chaplain W. W. HAMILTON
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New Orleans, Louisiana

The chaplain wrote to one of our railroads asking for an application blank, through which he might be granted a clergy permit and thus receive the courtesy of a special rate on the lines represented. To his great surprise there came a letter from the president of the road, saying that he did not need to fill out such an application and that there was enclosed an A-1 pass, good on all trains. Since that time he has had only to show this to the conductors and receive every courtesy, for he is there as a friend of the president of the railway system.

There is a song which begins with the statement that life is like a mountain railway. We are all passengers on life's railway and are journeying toward our eternal destination, and if we will accept it as a gift we may receive from the Lord Jesus Christ an unlimited pass. To those who receive him is given eternal life and is accorded all the care and protection needed for the journey.

It is a gift, and cannot be bought with money or morals or might. The lost man must receive the wages of sin, but our pass is the gift of God's grace, made to all who realize their need and look to Jesus as Saviour. It is a pass good for life, and will be ours until that great day.

We need to remind ourselves and others that our pass cannot be transferred to another. Parents cannot sign theirs over to us, and we cannot give ours to friends or loved ones. We cannot inherit this eternal life, and it comes not by some power of the will or merit of the flesh, but of God.

An anxious soul came to a Christian worker to ask how the blood of Christ could enable God to be just and yet be merciful. Said he, "I deserve death for I have sinned, and where does the right to forgive come in?" The worker replied, "Suppose you have broken the law and are condemned, and I say to the judge that if he will accept it, I will take your place. Do you think the law would make you pay the penalty again, when I had borne it for you?"

The quick answer was, "No, that would not be just, for surely two people would not be punished for the same crime."

If we have been saved, we will show it by our obedience and by the life of righteousness, for that is the way faith works.

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